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Sara Verret

You Keep Me Hanging On. Junior Patrick McDowell climbs the pegboard in his fifth period Advanced P.E. class. "I like this class because it gives me a chance to play basketball and lift weights in school. I am actually one of the few people in here who can handle the pegboard," said Patrick.

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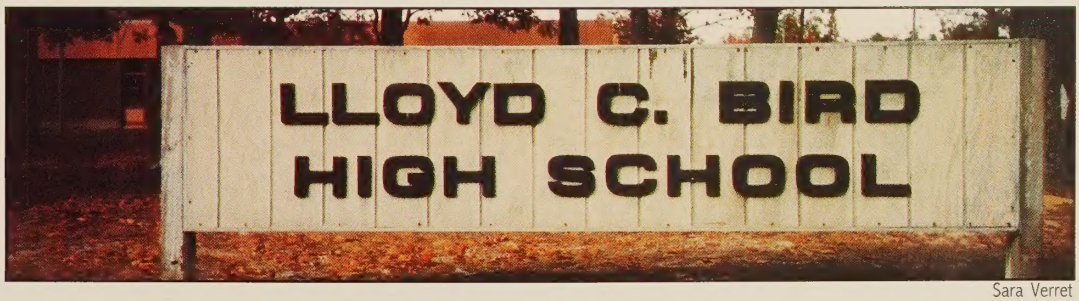
1999 Talon



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M&M's or Skittles? Seniors Miranda Cobbs, Lex Watson, Pratik Prasai, and Samantha Collier make a cell in AP Biology. "The best part of making it was being able to eat it afterwards!" said Samantha.

HOLDING...

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." With the new school year we quickly approach many changes in familiar parts of life.

The year began with many changes. Most notably, Mr. Joseph Tylus joined the administration team as our new principal.

The renovations continued to move along without many interruptions. The parking lot was nearly cut in half. A new parking area was added near the softball fields to compensate for the lost space.

Until the new library opened, students were unable to use any research materials. Additions were made to the main entrance and the English wings, and the bus loop was moved. As the clattering and banging increased, it grew easier to tell what the new additions would be.

As the school itself neared completion, a part of everyone's life went through a turning point as the memories of the 1900's became just that; memories.

Musical Medley. Senior Dennis Bradley plays the 'Didgerido' for a class. "I wish I knew how to play better. It's fun when I practice, too bad it gets on people's nerves," said Dennis.

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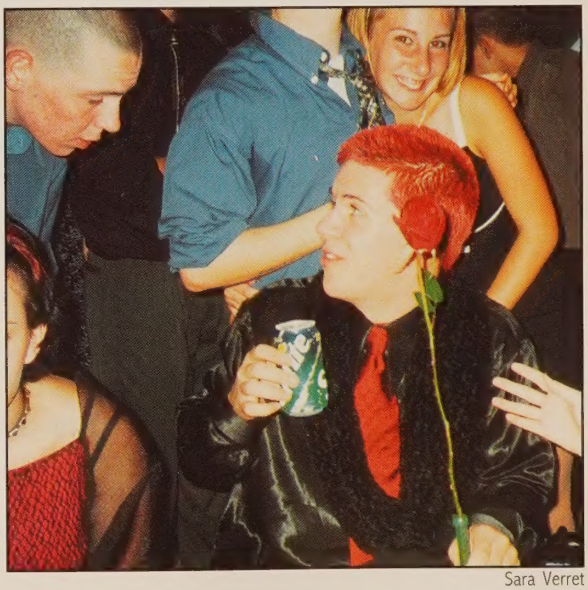

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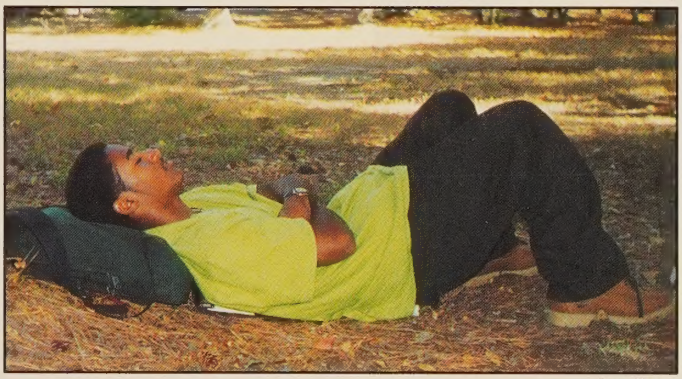
Simply Red. Junior Dustin Miller takes a break from dancing at Homecoming. "Red is my favorite color. Since it is the color of love, I was hoping to get some chicks," said Dustin.

Andrea Yancey

Just Clowning Around. Junior Evan Green passes out candy to students from O.B. Gates for the DECA club. "I love making kids smile, and the clown costume made it a little easier," said Evan.

Kris Hilscher

Sparkling Spirit. Candice Cobb makes some finishing touches on the cheerleaders' banner. "I had a very busy time that day. Running around between twirling and cheerleading was difficult," said Candice.



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Cloud Nine. Sophomore Josue Castro naps during an extended fire drill. "I was worn out from a tough day at school," said Josue.

Joan Ridout

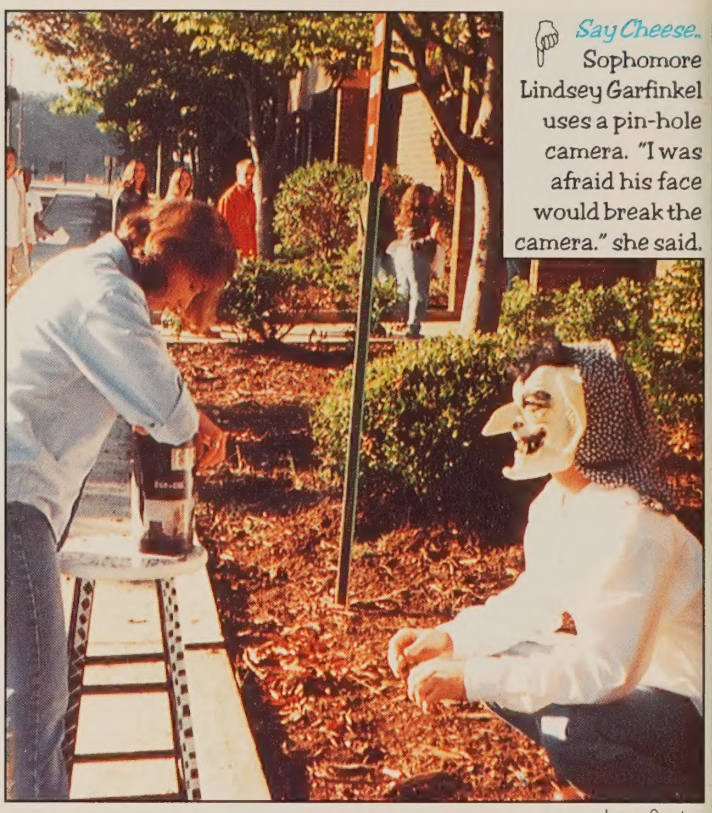
Pucker Up. The foreign language department celebrates Halloween. "This is us on a bad lip day," said Mrs. Harvey

Don't Move a Muscle. Junior Kelly King and Stephanie Primack make an outline for Spanish. "I felt like I was in first grade again.," said Kelly.

Cheryl Guthmann

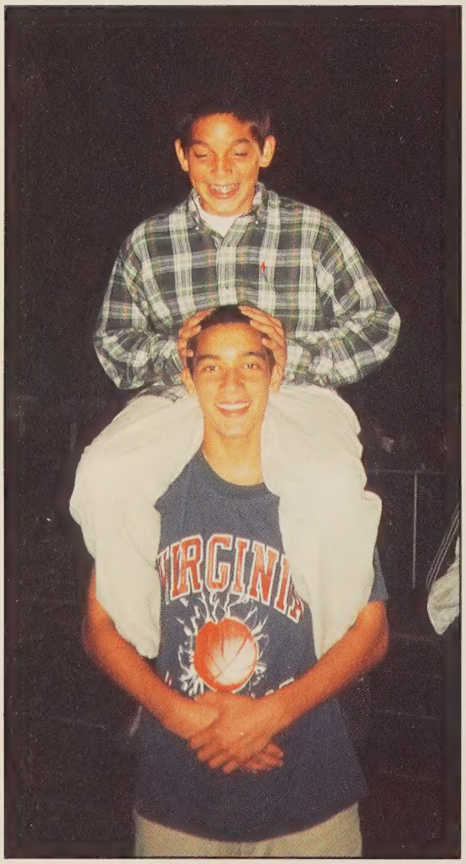
A Colorful Bunch. The winners of the SCA Halloween costume contest pose together. "I had to get up really early to paint myself green," said senior Sara Verret.

Angela Howsmon



Say Cheese.. Sophomore Lindsey Garfinkel uses a pin-hole camera. "I was afraid his face would break the camera." she said.

Jesse Overton



Kimberly Earles

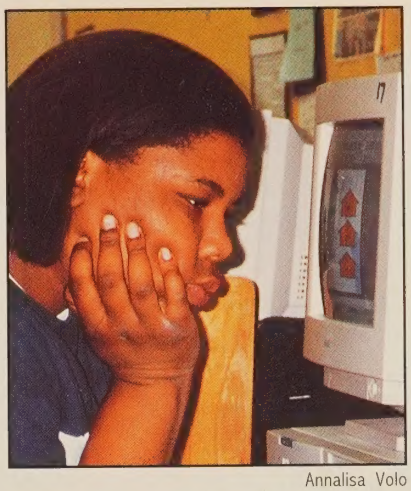
Totem Poll. Senior Jason Myers and his freshman brother Wes bond at the powder puff game. "It's been a while since my brother and I have been in the same school, but I enjoy it," said Jason.

An Eggciting Walk.. Senior Robin Jones shows her physics class how to walk on eggs. Robin was experimenting with weight distribution. "I was afraid that I would fall on my face," Robin said.

Angela Howsmon

Margaret Hicks

A New Kind of Float. Senior Zakiya Mudiwa and junior Carly Smith walk in the Latin Club float. "It was exciting to be in, but it was too bad there weren't enough people to help," said Zakiya.



Annalisa Volo

This Class Bytes. Senior Danielle Hoggard types in her computer class. "Desktop Publishing is an interesting class as long as the computers work," said Danielle.

Many different and exciting things happened during the year. On November 13, a fire broke out in the auditorium. Thanks to quick reactions by the faculty, staff and the Chesterfield County Fire Department, the auditorium was saved.

Despite some smoke damage, all fall fine arts productions went on as scheduled. Students and faculty overcame the ordeal and looked beyond.

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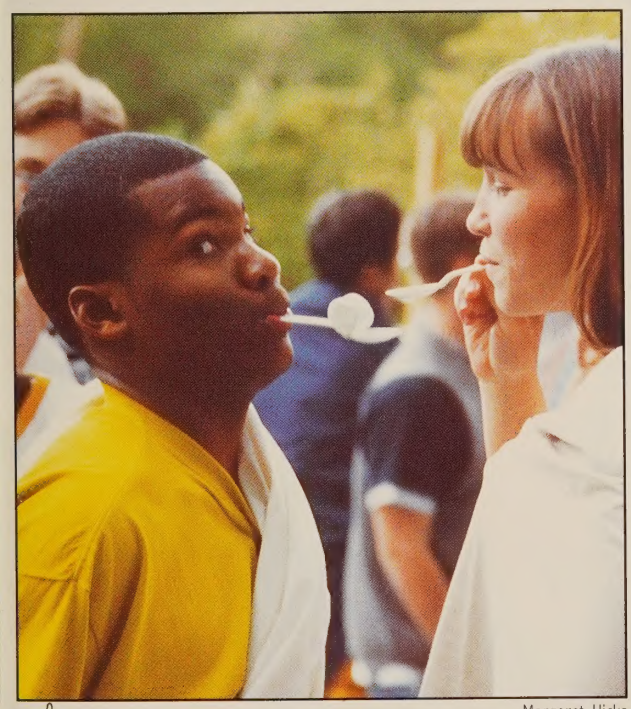
The year 2000 will be a time to leave pasts behind. It will be a time to make a new positive beginning in life.

As the new millennium approaches, it is necessary to put things in place. In order to bring in a new century in the best way possible, the old century must be left in the same way. That is why no matter how positive or negative life may be, the only way to begin the end is by doing the very best and ***holding on until the end.***



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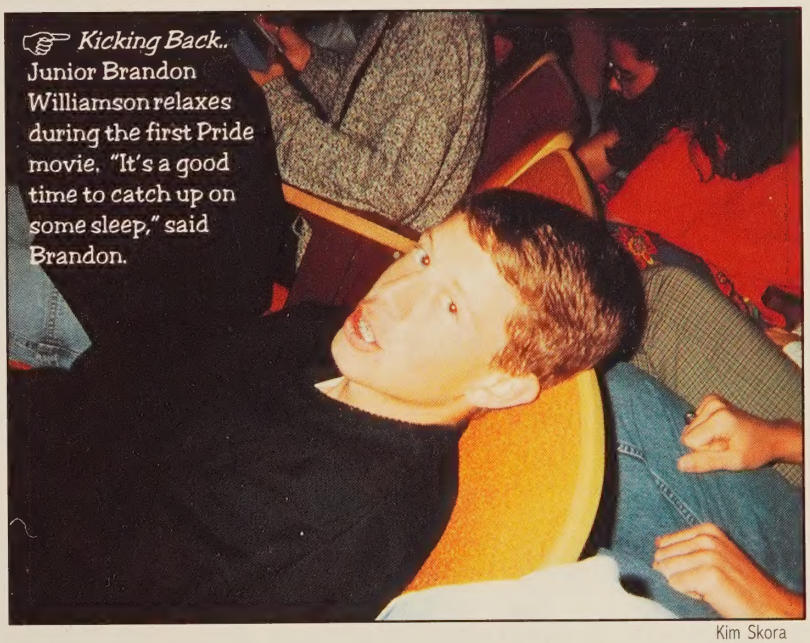
Spoon Man. Freshmen Devan Donaldson and Amanda Johnston participate in the Latin Club initiation. "It was great to be able to be a part of the celebration because I got to meet a lot of really nice upperclassmen," said Devan.



Kicking Back. Junior Brandon Williamson relaxes during the first Pride movie. "It's a good time to catch up on some sleep," said Brandon.

Kim Skora

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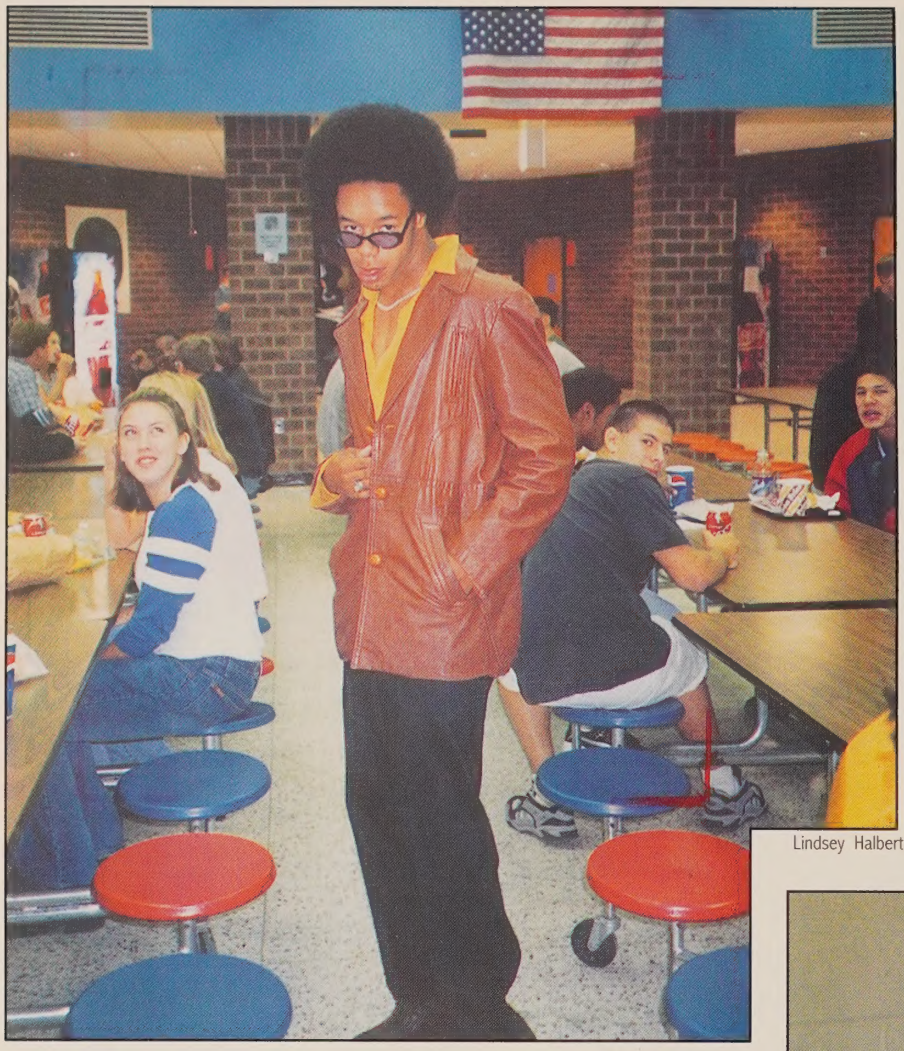
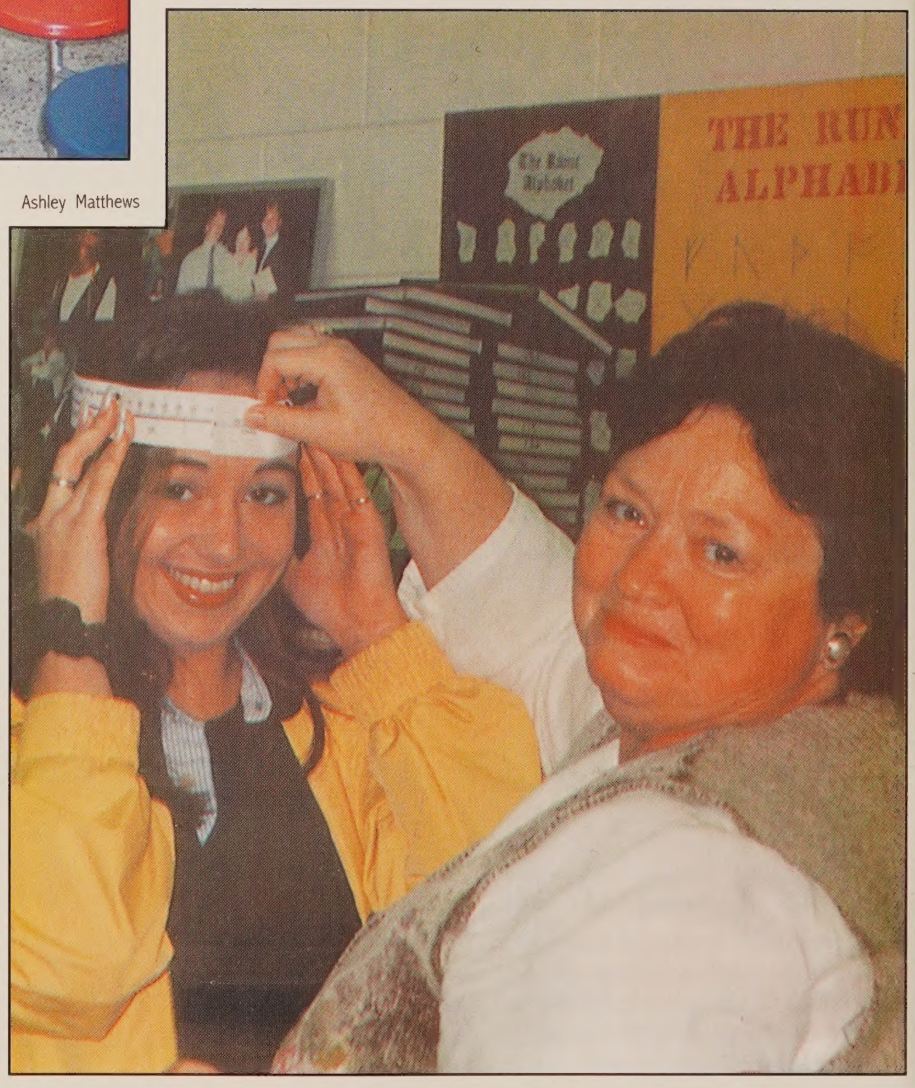


Lindsey Halbert

☜ *Do a Little Dance.* Junior Troy Jiggets strikes a seventies pose for spirit week in the commons. "I dressed up for the love of it," said Jiggets. ☞ *Getting Ahead.* Ms. Paulette helps senior Amanda Boyd measure her head for a graduation cap. "All I wanted was my tassle," said Amanda.



Ashley Matthews

Students are faced with a variety of choices in high school, many of which shape what the rest of their lives will be like. Making the right decisions is vital. While hard work is a must, having the proper balance of fun is an important part of the equation.

Bird students are no exception to this; they do it all in an effort to maintain a "high hold on life."

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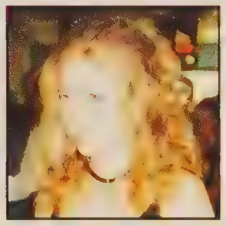
Lindsey Gayle Halbert

High Hold On Life



Pictured from top left: Danielle Beverley, Adam Gregoire• Kristin Broughton, Monique McBride• Stacy Kennedy, Daedrae Pulley• Jesse Overton, Steve Guittar• Bobby Fenner• Brandon Lette, Matt Gormley• Jamie Whitlow, Gordon Chisholm, Rashad Stone• Tonya Miles• Amy Turner, Annalisa Volo• Becca Fritz, Brandon Marsh, Lauren Cox, Dustin Miller, Zoe Boston, Joseph Wade• Jason Francisco, Steve Walton• Chris Richardson• Travis Gleason• Michelle Taylor• Elise Boyd• Rosie Brown• Andy Krukiel, Chamara Mccray, Gabriel Garcia, Chad Hundley• Paige Haston, Keith Boos• Jennifer Terrill.

Dressed For Spirit

What's a parade without floats? A unique one, and that's what the Homecoming parade was when classes and clubs used decorated banners instead of floats. The construction wouldn't allow for the floats that used flat bed trucks, so instead the banner idea emerged.

"I think it was more practical to have banners," Mrs. Kristen Holland said. "With them, the kids could put more time into the skit they had to do for the judges."

The week prior was filled with pajamas, afros, and look-a-likes as students prepared for an exciting Homecoming weekend. Pajama, retro, twin, class color, and spirit day were the specialty days of the week.

Sophomore Kassi Hines said, "Pajama day was my favorite because I didn't have to get dressed up to come to school."

"I was impressed with the amount of work put into the week and the enthusiasm of both students and staff," said Principal Joseph Tylus.

Although the construction caused a change in plans, the Skyhawks showed spirit by not letting a small matter get in the way of having an exciting spirit week.

Shake Your Groove Thing. Seniors Leona Burke, Rashad Stone, Angela Thomas, and Shannon McAnelly get colorful for the class of '99 banner at the Homecoming parade. "Our banner was as good as a float would have been. We won didn't we?" said Angela.

Becky Ebert

Disco Inferno. Juniors Keith Boos and Will Adams participated in 70's/ Retro Day during the annual Spirit Week.. "I got the suit from a box of my dad's old stuff in the attic. I didn't realize he had style," said Will.

Angela Lovett

Weird Science. Twin day included many sets of look-a-likes such as juniors Kirsten Rousell, Dara Boggs, and Heather Blackmon. "I had fun walking around for a day with twins... we are too cute, aren't we?" Dara said.

Lindsey Halbert

Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go. Junior Cynthia Walton shows off her teddy bear on Pajama Day. "The best thing about pajama day was that I just had to roll out of bed and come to school," Cynthia signed.

Kenya Brown

I've Caught The Fever! Sophomore Rusty Crostic goes all out and catches the blues on school spirit day. "I was the only one who painted my face in school colors," said Rusty.

By: Cynthia Reed and Kim Skora

Superior Skyhawks. Seniors Jenny Robertson, Missy Chappell, and Jean Geary do their victory walk to the bonfire. Senior Jenny Robertson commented, "Because the seniors won we had major bragging rights. It felt good!"

Walk Softly and Carry A Big Stick. Dennis Bradley attempts to excite the crowd. "My plan for arousing school spirit was to get everyone chanting and then I was going to hurl my big stick into the fire," Dennis said.

Lindsey Halbert

Kim Earles

Walk Like A... Lady? The usually masculine Patrick Stage reveals his feminine side. "Now I understand the trouble girls go through!" said Patrick.

Jessica Scimone

Flying Higher Than an Eagle. Senior T. J. Claytor performs a stunt assisted by fellow cheerleaders Gordon Chisholm and Donnie Field. "They were the wind beneath my wings," said T. J.

The Green Team.. Sophomore Daniel Green and junior Evan Green combine forces to try to defeat the seniors. "Daniel's advice might have helped, but none of the other coaches listened," Evan said.

By: Ashley Matthews and Stephanie Primack

Sara Verret

No Powder Here!

Senior, sophomores, what's your cry? V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! Yes, the classes of both 1999 and 2001 pulled through and defeated their "juniors" at the powder puff game. The seniors defeated the juniors with a score of 32-14; the sophomores defeated the freshmen with a 20-8 victory.

Along with the role reversal of the ladies on the field, the male cheerleaders added extra excitement. Junior Heather Taylor said, "It's hard to get the guys to stand still to learn the cheers and chants."

The strong support of the coaches gave the players much needed motivation. Seniors Monique McBride and Kristen Broughton agreed that they "had never seen better coaching done by anyone but Matt Hundley, Chad Farlow and John Gardner."

The junior coaching staff represented their players by wearing special uniforms. A unique phrase relating to each coach was printed on their t-shirts.

Though the enthusiasm of the sophmores was high, the freshmen spirit was slow to emerge. Freshman Carly Kretzer said, "I wanted to play, but the sophomores really intimidated me." No professional skills were necessary for the girls when they stepped onto the field. "I wanted to support my class even though I had no clue how to play," said sophomore Jamie Wisegarver.

The participation of the underclassmen enhanced enthusiasm. This extraordinary event raised school spirit and gave students little choice but to "catch the fever."

Kim Earles

Lindsey Halbert

Lindsey Halbert

Feel the Burn. Homecoming spirit heats up at the bonfire following the powder puff game. "I'm really glad that the game and the bonfire were reinstated; it really ignited school spirit," said junior Matt Pullano.

Puff Mamas. Tired and sweaty, Brittany Welch, Dale Ivey and Melissa Murray stop to celebrate the sophomore victory. "I'm glad freshman finally signed up so we could crush them," said Melissa.

Blast From the Past

Bird has a serious case of the fever. Saturday Night Fever, that is. It all began with the 70's themed Homecoming dance, which was entitled Saturday Night Fever.

Students were excited about the dance and its theme. A new school record of over 1000 people attended the dance.

"This year's theme was the best Bird has had since I have been here," said senior Eric Eichenlaub.

SCA members started to decorate the Friday before the dance, and finished up Saturday morning. The decorations consisted of a disco Ball, countless glow-in-the-dark stars, colorful streamers, records covers, and balloons.

This year SCA brightened up the courtyard with Christmas lights. "I liked the way the courtyard was lit up. It was very romantic for my date and I," said Senior Denisha Carter.

The dance started at eight o'clock and students partied until midnight. "It was a very fun experience. I could have danced all night," said Patrick Fleming.

Not everyone started to "shake their booty" when the dance started. Shawn White said, "I thought the dance was going to be so boring-not my type of thing, but after a while, the D.J. started to play music that got me out on the dance floor."

Keith Boos enjoyed the dance except for one thing. "I can't believe they played Hanson! Anything but Hanson!"

Homecoming was "hot" and nearly every student caught a case of the fever. Now the real question is: Will there ever be a cure??

Lindsey Halbert

Tierra Williams, Senior Princess. "I wasn't really surprised that I was a princess. I'm just surprised I wasn't queen... Just kidding!"

Tonnilyn Boehmler, Senior Princess. "Homecoming was nice, but it would have been nicer if I won...just kidding...well sort of."

Shontrese Smith, Senior Princess. "It was great to be a princess especially during my senior year. It made my night a little more special."

Cameron Dixon, Senior Queen. "It was an honor to be queen, and I knew that the other girls were just as deserving as I."

Dean Weeks, Senior Prince. "Being a prince wasn't the focus of my night; it was to make my girlfriend's night special."

Wes Baskerville, Senior Prince. "Being on the court with my girlfriend, Cameron, made the experience unforgettable."

Steven Knight, Senior Prince. "My night was great. Not only was I a prince, but my date and I got our dinner for free!"

Jonathan Banks, Senior King. "It was a desire in my heart to win since 9th grade, but since I thought it was a popularity contest I didn't think I'd have a chance."

Girls Rule and Boys Drool. Juniors April Porter and Megan Murphy dance the night away at Homecoming 1998. Megan said, "Us girls don't need guys to really break it down on the dance floor."

Tinisha Allen, Freshman Princess. "When they mentioned princesses at orientation, I wanted to become one."

Tawanda Williams, Freshman Princess. "Because my sister was also nominated my mom was especially proud of both of us."

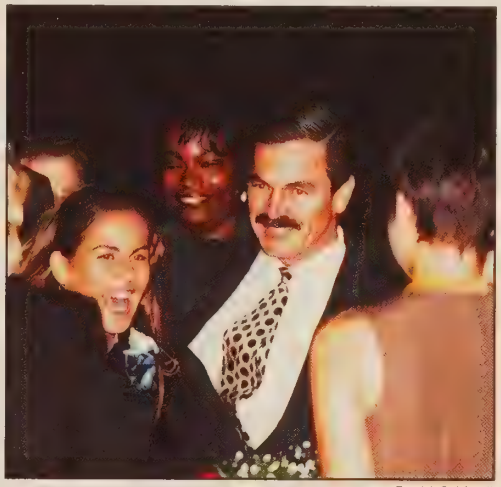
Emily Rosvall, Sophomore Princess. "When the crowd was watching me walk onto the field, I was so scared I was going to trip."

Jessica Scimone, Sophomore Princess. "My favorite part was when they had the special song for the Court."

Rosie Brown, Junior Princess. "It meant a lot to me to be a princess. It's something I'll never forget."

Natasha Peyton, Junior Princess. "I had fun getting a new outfit for the game."

Lindsey Halbert



David Caldwell

And the Winner Is... Cameron Dixon celebrates her victory along side her father. "All I was thinking was 'hurry up and say it' and when they did I didn't realize they called my name at first because I was so nervous," said Cameron.

We Two Kings... Grauduate and former Homecomig King Dylan Brod crowns Jonathan Banks the 1998 King. Jonathan commented, "Even when your faith is low, God will fufill any heart's desire."

Lindsey Halbert

I Feel Like Chicken Tonight. Sophomore Chris Gilliland tries to enjoy a bit of chicken. "We went to a fondue restaurant, and our cooking oil spilled on my date so we had to eat the meat raw... just joking," Chris said.

A Step to Pep

With construction comes change, and like many other things, pep rallies changed. The rallies were held outside because of the lack of fire exits in the gym. The reply of students varied as to whether they liked indoor or outdoor pep rallies better.

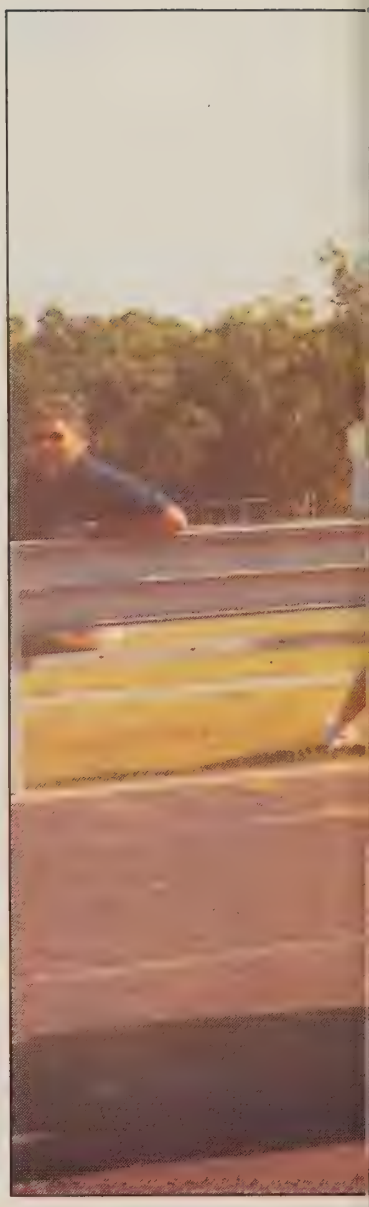
Sophomore Stephanie Cox commented, "I enjoy outdoor pep rallies because when we dance, we can face the entire student body and not just upperclassmen."

This year the seniors couldn't block out the freshman sitting across the gym from them. Thomas Lee said, "I used my newspaper to swat bees, and block the sun."

Another change made to the rallies was the coordinator. Bird had a change in cheerleading coaches this year. Ms. Cary Bannon , the new coach, took over planning the pep rallies.

Ms. Bannon said, "For the pep rallies I wanted to have more student involved activites to provoke spirit and excitement at the rallies."

Being that construction is unpredictable, things could change again.



Angela Howsmon

*Everybody In The Stands...*The crowd of students, very happy to be out of class, run around to find their friends. Junior John Morris commented, "My favorite part of the pep rally is DEFINITELY the cheerleaders!"

When The Moon Hits Your Eye Like A Big Whipped Cream Pie... Junior John Taylor is creamed by sophomore Lesley Bare at a pep rally. John exclaimed, "I was hoping she wouldn't take all her frustrations out on me since I blackmailed her. If she pied me, she had to go out with me that night." ***...That's Amore!***

Sara Verret

Angela Howsmon

Go Speedracer Go! Senior Prince, Wes Baskerville, races to put on his panty hose with a little help from his girlfriend, Cameron Dixon. She said, " I thought it was funny to see a little bit of his feminine side."

Everybody Dance Now! Members of Rhapsody in Blue, Nikkia Johnson and Andrea Tharpe, shake it for the crowd at a pep rally. Andrea Tharpe commented, "I prefer indoor pep rallies because the whole school gets to see Rhapsody's talent."

Kim Earles

L.C. Bird. I love it. I love it. I love it. Erica Garton, Khilia Graves, Dale Ivey, and Danielle Benz soar above the cheerleaders at a pep rally. "When I'm up in a stunt, all I think about is that I hope they don't drop me, but I have faith in them," said Dale.

Angela Howsmon

Play That Funky Music! Matt Lownes, Adam Grayberg, Dean Weeks and Nathaniel Suttler get the beat going and the students dancing. "It's an honor to play with Bird's drumline; they're all a bunch of great guys." said Matt.

BY: Kelly D. Brinson

☞ *The Man in the Donkey Mask.* Bottom (Will Norfleet) was transformed into a donkey by fairies. "I thoroughly enjoyed being an ass in front of the school," said Will.

Keri Wormald

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☞ *Think It Oh-Over.* Singing fairy, Stephanie Cox, has to "Stop in the Name of Love" to perform a song for the lovers. Stephanie said, "My outfit looked like something I'd wear on Halloween, but it was fun looking for go-go boots!"

☞ *Dazed and Confused.* Puck (Jason Vicente) tried to explain his "love potion" mix-up to his not-so-happy teacher, Oberon (Andy Tarantino). Andy said, "Jason's so funny that all I had to do was react to what he was doing and it made the scene good."

Keri Wormald

David Caldwell

☝ *I Think I Love You From Head to Toe.* Helena (Emily Skelton) is smothered in love by Demetrius (Brandon Marsh). "It was weird having someone you look at as your little brother telling you how he loves you," said Emily.

CAST LIST

Theseus.....Randy Justice
Lysander.....Jonathan Banks
Demetrius.....Brandon Marsh
Bob Dylan.....Steve J. Earle
Peter Quince.....Will Ogle
Snug.....Matt Butler
Bottom.....Will Norfleet
Flute.....Keith Boos
Snout.....George Chirkinian
Starveling.....John Huoy
Hippolyta.....Francesca Evola
Hermia.....Bridget Kendall
Helena.....Emily Skelton
Oberon.....Andy Tarantino
Titania.....Elise Boyd
Puck.....Jason Vicente

Titnania's Train:
Windy.....Colleen Ball
Peaceblossom.....Jamie Seymore
Incense.....Amalia Herald
Peppermint.....Stephanie Duncan
Saffron.....Zoe Boston

Fairies: Stephanie Cox, Angie Keller, Natalie Hancock, Cheryl Guthmann, Janaia Cormier, Atima Omara-Alwala, and Taylor Robb.

The Flower Children: Jessica Annecchini, Matt Butler, Janaia Cormier, Stephanie Cox, Amanda Earley, Cheryl Guthmann, Natalie Hancock, Kassi Hines, Angie Keller, Christina Manikus, Maureen McEntyre, Atima Omara-Alwala, Tony Patterson, Taylor Robb, Amber Saferight, Eddie Viar.

☞ *Going to the Chapel.* Titania (Elise Boyd) was finally able to marry Lysander (Jonathan Banks), and Hermia (Bridget Kendall). "Jonathan was easy to work with, and made it much easier to do a scene like this," said Bridget.

Love Potion #9

Keri Wormald

Let's do the time warp again. Right after Bird travels back in time for a Homecoming set in the 70's, Ms. Keri Wormald backs it up another decade to change the setting of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to the 60's, the decade where people "traveled in vans and followed the 'Dead.'"

Ms. Wormald, director of the play, set the play in the sixties because, "if an appropriate time period is chosen, it can really breathe new life into Shakespeare's words."

The cast agreed that it was clever to set the play in the 60's. "It was a unique idea. I don't think it's been done before, so that makes our school original," said flower child Maureen McEntyre.

In the play, two men, Lysander and Demetrius, originally love Hermia. A love potion, created by fairies, is dropped in the eyes of the two men, and their love tranfers to Hermia's best friend, Helena. This sparks a confusing chain of events for the four.

Auditions for the play began as soon as school began. At the end of auditions, the cast consisted of many newcomers to the LCB stage. "My first play at Bird was much more creative and professional than other schools," said junior Zoe Boston.

With two evening performances and a Sunday matinee the cast performed to packed houses. Sophomore Randy Justice remembers how stressed he was during rehearsals, but in the end he really missed it.

David Caldwell

Everybody's Going Surfin'. Oberon (Andy Tarantino) and Titania (Elise Boyd) show their kingdom how to break it down. Elise said, "You'd be surprised what kind of people become friends when working together like this."

By Danielle Beverley

Earth, Wind, and Fire

Students could have called this school year the 'year of confusion.' The continued construction caused much of it. Half way through the year students' math classes were moved from one end of the school to the other.

"At the beginning of the year it was a great distraction to try and teach my students their music with all the loud banging going on behind us," said Ms. Furgerson.

Mr. Earle's students didn't even have a classroom for a period of about two weeks when the auditorium was rocked by a small but damaging fire. "We were concerned about how long it would take to get everything cleaned up, because of all the smoke damage in the carpet and curtains," said junior Eric Young.

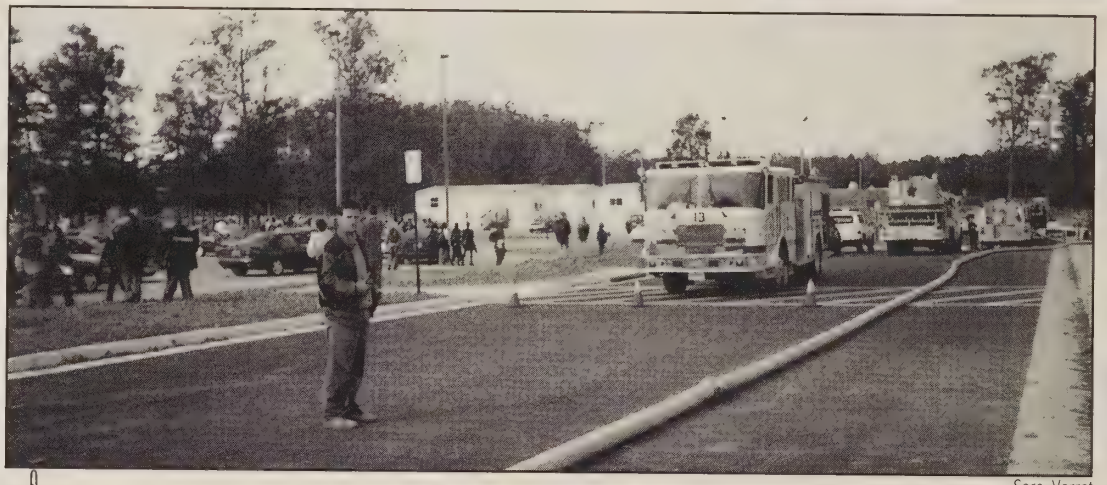
The next challenge on fate's list hit students during winter break. Most of Chesterfield County lost power on Christmas Eve and some houses didn't get it back for almost two weeks.

"During the four days my house went without power, my mom and I had a fire going in the living room to keep some heat in our house. Suddenly, my poodle jumped through the fire grate to grab a stick. His black afro ears caught on fire and I had to run across the room with a blanket to smother the fire on him before it spread even further," said junior Lisa Viets.

The ice did bring good things, too. Junior Kristen Scott said, "My parents let me spend the night at my boyfriend's house because they thought the roads were too dangerous to drive on."

Courtney Vaughn

Cold-Hearted Horse. Junior Courtney Vaughn's horses even got a little chilly during the ice storm. "I had to get up every morning with a hammer to break the ice in their water buckets, and to keep them warm we had to give them extra grains, because grains help the horses produce body heat," said Courtney.



Sara Verret

The Roof, the Roof, the Roof is on Fire. Another disaster strikes, but the auditorium was saved. "I thought the fire was phat, at first, because I thought we would leave early. Well, we ended up leaving fifteen minutes late!" said senior Crystal Clark.

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Ice. Junior Angela Lovett's house was highly affected by the exciting ice storm. "My family went out to breakfast that morning and when we got home, the door we went to use was blocked by a frozen tree," said Angela.

Angela Lovett

Stacie Kibiloski

On the Road Again. Our roads were all strongly affected by the ice storm. Trees, telephone poles and power lines were all among the "road blocks." Freshman Jason Farlow said, "The best part about the ice storm was when my brother wrecked my mom's car into a ditch. For a day, Chad was getting yelled at instead of me!"

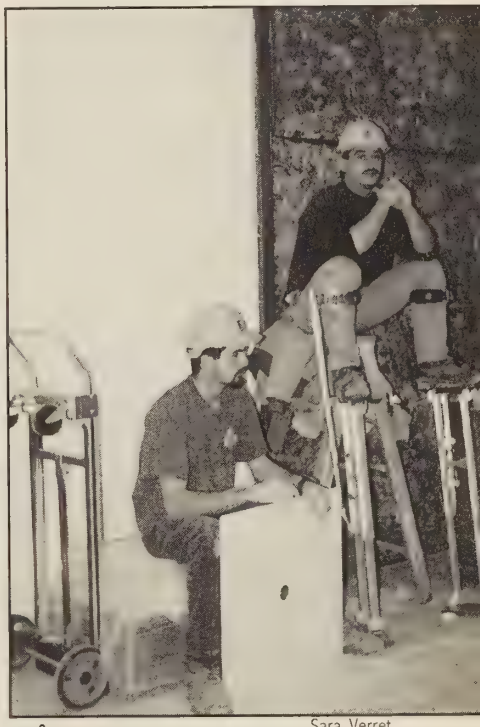
By Kimberly Earles
and
Lindsey Halbert

Lindsey Halbert

That's the Sound of the Men. Construction like this was seen all over the school throughout the year. "My math class was moved across the school in the middle of the year but, it made me closer to the parking lot at the end of the day, so I didn't care," said Angie Moore.

Angela Howsmon

No Way Out. Construction confused everyone and everything almost every day. Senior Sarah Hastings said, "I'm confused why they chose to better the school the year I leave. If the school was improved this year I might have come more."



Sara Verret

Working Nine to Five. Contruction workers could be seen anywhere at school. They tried to go unnoticed...or did they? Senior Mindy Angle said, "Construction workers disturbed our Latin class by continuously walking by our window because they wanted to catch a glimpse of our teacher."

Tripod of Talent

If only Star Search was still a hit show. During the school year, students participate in a multitude of social, athletic, and extra-curricular activities; however, many students have "other" activities or talents that they excel in.

The Talent Show, held every winter, gives students a chance to show off their talents. Backtrak took top honors. Sophomore Jenny Skelton said, "I sing in chorus, which doesn't make me as nervous as singing solo, but I'm very glad I did it."

Senior Jonathan Banks, member of the The R.E.A.L. Disciples, said that it was fun because he loves performing in front of people. The hosts for the evening were seniors Francesca Evola and Will Norfleet.

The Mr. L. C. Bird pageant was an exciting twist to the year's events. Freshman Chris Gilliland said, "I was surprised that so many underclassmen were in it. Usually seniors take the spotlight."

Participants were required to perform a talent, dance, and to pick out their best line to pick up this year's Homecoming Queen, Cameron Dixon. The outcome of the pageant left Dean Weeks the school stud.

The second annual Battle of the Bands was held in March, and Bankshot returned to reclaim the winning title.

Sophomore Pat Rogers of Backtrak said, "Each time we perform our band gets better, so this experience was fun and helpful for us."

David Caldwell

Pah-Rum-Pah-Pum-Pum. Senior Dean Weeks shows what he does best at the Mr. L.C. Bird pageant. "The difference between me and all the other contestants was that I made myself look really good," said Dean.

David Caldwell

Pretty Fly for a White Guy. Sopohomore Adam Gregoire uses his best pick up line to impress the Homecoming Queen, Cameron Dixon. Adam said, "Hitting on girls comes naturally to me so this was the easiest part of the pageant."

And the Winners Are

Talent Show

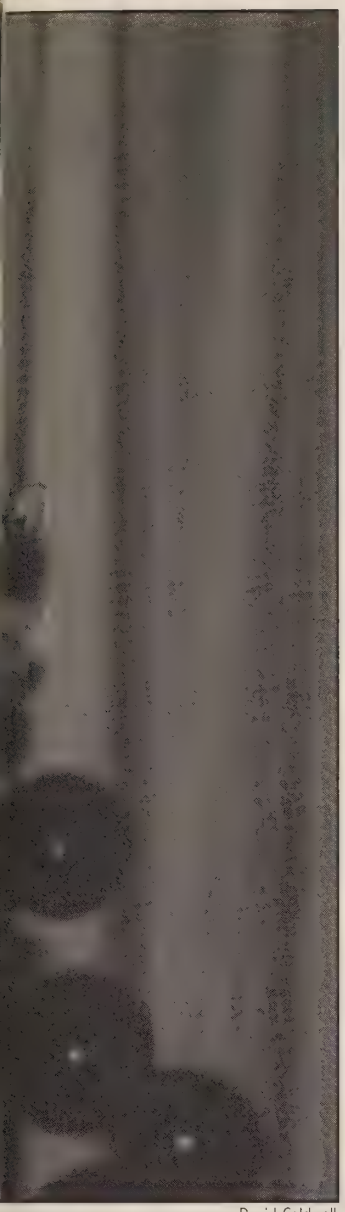
*1st place-The band, Backtrak-Rachel Leyco, Patrick Rogers, and Andrew Day
*2nd place-Andy Tarantino-piano.
*3rd place-Will Norfleet-juggling
*Best Sportmanship-Melissa Murray

Battle of the Bands

*1st place-Bankshot: Jason Clark, Dean Weeks, Zach Woodson, David Alfonte, David Shepherd, Danny Browder, Andy Lopez
*2nd place-Backtrak: Rachel Leyco, Patrick Rogers, Andrew Day
*3rd place-The Opposition: Josh Vereen, Chase Dubay, Jonathan Godwin,

Mr. LCB

Dean Weeks



David Caldwell

Meredith Cole

Walk Like a Man. Junior Troy Jiggetts read the poetry he composed for his talent at the Mr. L.C. Bird pageant. Jiggetts said, "It was a last minute idea for Mr. Spencer to act as the woman I was describing in my poem."

I Wanna Rock N' Roll All Night. Junior Josh Vereen gently strums his guitar at the second annual Battle of the Bands. Josh said, "I was there just to play my music, because that's what I like to do."

By Jason Clark

David Caldwell

Meredith Cole

Ice, Ice Baby. Juniors Evan Green and Brock Butler perform a last minute DMX song at the Mr. L.C. Bird pageant because of a mix up with their original talent. "The school shut us down, so we had to open up shop with DMX," said Evan.

Kung-Fu Cowboy. The band MUTINY on the SHORTBUS performs during the Battle of the Bands. Kung-fu cowboy Vann Madison said, "It was great because we were by far the best band of the night."

An Amazing Journey

Students traveled far and wide to the auditorium for the *Tommy* auditions. Zach Woodson auditioned only because his girlfriend wouldn't unless he did. Devan Donaldson auditioned to lend his powerful voice to the production. After the cast list was posted, the musically advanced actors waited for rehearsals to begin.

By opening night the students were confident due to reassurance from director Steve Earle. "Mr. Earle made sure I was completely ready to take on the role as Tommy," said senior Andy Tarantino. The rehearsals finally paid off on April 29 when *Tommy* premiered.

Many newcomers brought their talent to the stage. Lazette Woolridge dazzled the crowd with her dramatic debut. "It was a great experience and I'm proud of the outcome,"said Lazette.

Tommy,as a boy,saw his father murder another man. Due to this tragic incident he becomes "deaf, dumb, and blind." He eventually broke out of his shell and became a pinball superstar in the production. "The play showed how important family really is," said senior Tiffany Garrison.

It was an "Amazing Journey" for the cast and crew. When the play was over they had gained a new sense of family within the group.

By Kenya Brown and Andrea Yancey

Keri Wormald

We've won. The cast and crew of Tommy worked really hard to make this happen. "I knew the show was going to be a hit, " said Denisha Carter.

Keri Wormald

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Voodoo Queen. Senior Kim Cutler added her strong vocals to the play as the Gypsy. "It was weird, it was fun. I enjoyed it," said Kim.

Sensation. The feeling of being on stage excites junior Will Ogle. "Musicals are harder work, but more fun to do because you are moving around a lot and singing," said Will.

Keri Wormald

See me, Feel me. Tommy faces the reality of knowing himself. Robin Pyle joined the cast as the young Tommy. "He was a good kid. He was very mature and serious about what he was doing," said senior Andy Tarantino.

CAST LIST

Mrs. Walker.....Lazette Woolridge
Captain Walker.....Matt Butler
Tommy.....Andy Tarantino
10 year old Tommy.....Robin Pyle
Cousin Kevin.....Zack Woodson
Uncle Ernie.....Keith Boos
Kevin's Mother.....Rachael Westra
Kevin's Father.....Nathan Spiers
Minister.....John Holmes
Minister's Wife.....Denisha Carter
Lover.....Jason Stalls
Soldiers.....Nathan Spiers, ...Devan Donaldson, John Holmes, ...Will Ogle
Nurses.....Kelly Hastings, ...Taylor Robb, Stephanie Hill, ...Elisabeth Sowder
Judge.....Bridget Kendall
Voodoo Queen.....Kim Cutler
Local Lads.....Devan Donaldson, Will .....Ogle, Nathan Spiers, Jason Stalls
Local Lasses.....Zoe Boston, ...Denisha Carter, Stephanie Cox ...Brandy Wagenseller, Carly Smith
Barristers.....Caitlan Longstreet, ...Eddie Viar
Pinball Lad.....Jason Stalls
Pinball Lad.....Devan Donaldson
Specialist.....Elise Boyd
Specialist's Assistants..... .....Sarah Buckland, ...Kristen Clemens
News Vendor.....Sarah Wade
Sally Simpson.....Tiffany Garrison
Mrs. Simpson.....Maureen McEntyre
Mr. Simpson.....John Holmes
D.J.....Carly Smith
Doctors.....Jessica Annecchini ..... Sarah Buckland, Maria Starnes, ...Debbie Pridgen, ...Terri Handschumacher, ...Taylor Robb

Tommy Can You Hear Me? Matt Butler and Lazette Woolridge expressed a lot of emotion during the play. "Every time you perform there's a different feeling," said Lazette.

Keri Wormald

Pinball Wizard. Pinball, the way to fame for Tommy, astonished the fans. "I never thought a pinball star would be deaf, dumb, and blind," said junior Brandy Wagenseller.

Medieval Memories

Prom is a night that most people remember for the rest of their lives. During the night many things run smoothly and are absolutely perfect, but sometimes things don't go exactly as planned.

There are definitely a variety of things that can go wrong on this special night. Anything from a late date to bad hair could and did happen to at least one person.

Senior Angela Thomas thought her night wasn't going to turn out the way she planned. She said, "I was standing in front of my house wondering why Shane was so late, but then a limo showed up, even though he told me he couldn't afford one, and I knew my night was going to be perfect."

Not all dark clouds had silver linings that evening. Junior Shanna Ferguson said, "Being that all men are stubborn, Steven wouldn't pull over and ask for directions so we were 45 minutes late to dinner."

Even the simplest things went wrong. Senior Dana Howell's date showed up at her door in an ivory tux, a red vest, and green shoes. She said, "At least he put me in the Christmas spirit."

Then there are the mishaps that are a little more serious. Junior Heather McCormack ate Cuban food before prom and it caused her to break out in hives. She left just before the senior walk and managed to make it back by the end of the night in another dress.

Senior T.J. Claytor and juniors Gabe Garcia, Stephanie Primack and Ashley Matthews will recreate their prom night some other time because they weren't able to go due to their giant mishap the day before prom. T.J. said, "Although I would have liked to attend prom, knowing Gabe's condition and seeing the progress he has made since the car accident makes Prom seem very trivial."

In general, May 15 went as planned and most everyone enjoyed themselves. The theme, *A Knight in Camelot,* was well liked by many. The junior class did a beautiful job on preparing the Koger Center for the magical night.

Junior Meredith Cole said, "I was satisfied when the night was over because all the hype about the night tired me out."

David Caldwell

Kenya Brown

Social Butterflies. Senior Nikki Weaver and John Lundy mingle with their friends. Nikki said, " I had lots of fun and it will be a night to remember forever."

Suck Up. Juniors Louis Pleasant and Tara Turner share a drink at Kabuto's. "We had no trouble deciding on dinner. One person suggested Kabuto's and everyone else said 'O.K,'" said Louis.

Shake it. Junior Heather McCormack and freshman Blake Denny dance the night away. Heather said, "In case you couldn't tell, I was having lots of fun."

Meredith Cole

David Caldwell

Gimme a Break. Seniors Matt Gormley and Jennifer Estes sit at Prom to take a break before they go back out to dance. Matt said, "I was tired but I had a blast being with my friends."

Carol Halbert

High School Sweethearts. Bird's 1999 Homecoming Queen, Cameron Dixon was announced 1999 Prom Queen. Seconds later her long time boyfriend, Wes Baskerville, joined her side as King. Wes said, "It was a very special moment for both of us, and we'll always look back on it and enjoy."

Three Stooges. Dustin Miller, Scott Powers, and Luke Stowell pause for a moment to capture the memorable night on film. Luke said, "We were the best dressed guys there."

Erin Hundley

Pumpkin at Midnight. A group of promgoers sit in a carriage behind Johnston Willis Hospital before they head to prom. Sophomore Lauren White said, "When we got to prom I felt like everyone was looking at us...Oh, that's right, they were."

Prom After Prom

Since New York is the city that never sleeps, "Midnight in Manhattan" seemed to be the perfect theme for the drug and alcohol free post prom party held at Robious Sports and Fitness Center. From 12 to 4:30 a.m., students used up their left over energy participating in activities set up by the PTSA.

Throughout the night, survivors could participate in singing karaoke, getting temporary tattoos, or playing a game of blackjack or poker. "I've always liked to sing, but getting up in front of all your friends takes guts. Stage fright isn't fun," said senior Tracey Kitchen.

All the activities were run by volunteer parents and teachers. One of the most popular activities was the volleyball moonwalk in which students could play a game of volleyball in a non-traditional way.

If none of these activities interested them, partygoers could always enjoy the talent of the karaoke singers or sit back while getting a caricature drawn. "Post prom turned out to be a lot more fun than I expected, and I still have two more years of it," said sophomore Colleen Ball.

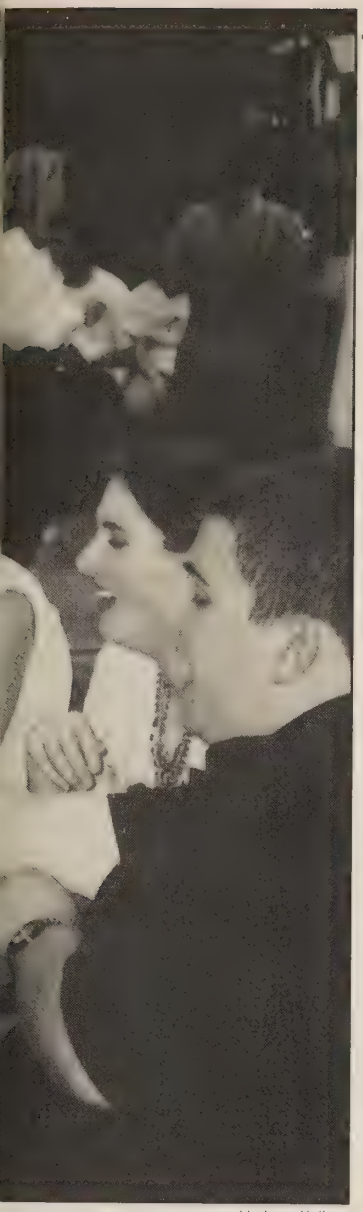
All of the fun that post prom involved resulted from many hours of hard work and planning. Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Kibiloski led a committee of dedicated parents in putting together the fun-filled night.

"We were so pleased to have over five hundred people attend; it was an increase of over 20%. We felt that everybody won -- the students, the community and the parents," said Mrs. Judy Kibiloski.

Lindsey Halbert

Michaelangelo on the Floor. Aimee Piacentini, Andy Lopez, and Carly Smith sit and draw on the floors at ater prom. Aimee said, "We were just wasting time to make it through the night by signing our names like everyone else."

Beauty Isn't Pain Here. Junior Amy Crocker gets a temporary tatoo during post prom. "I really enjoyed post prom because of all the different stuff there was for everyone to do," Amy said.



Lindsey Halbert

Blackjack is Back. David David Bayford, Mandy Mangus, Mike Petersen, Angie Moore, Angela Puryear and David Denoff participate in a fun game of Blackjack. Mike said, "I enjoyed spending time with my girlfriend before she went off to college, but it stunk because the dealers at the card tables let you win."

Lindsey Halbert

Eenie Meenie Mynie Moe. Junior Shannon Newcomb looks over the prizes offered at the post prom prize booth. "I just wanted to hurry up and pick a prize so I could get over to the chocolate chip cookies they were serving," Shannon said.

By Cynthia Reed and Lindsey Halbert

Money, Money, Money, Money. The money machine was one of the more popular activities this year. Senior Steven Boyd tries his luck at grabbing all the cash he can. Steven said, "I think that the school should give out money more often."

Becky Ebert

Climb the Highest Mountain. Junior Becky Fritz and Becca Frye-from Manchester-climb through the blow up obstacle course. "My favorite part of post prom was beating Becca in the big inflatable race," Becky said.

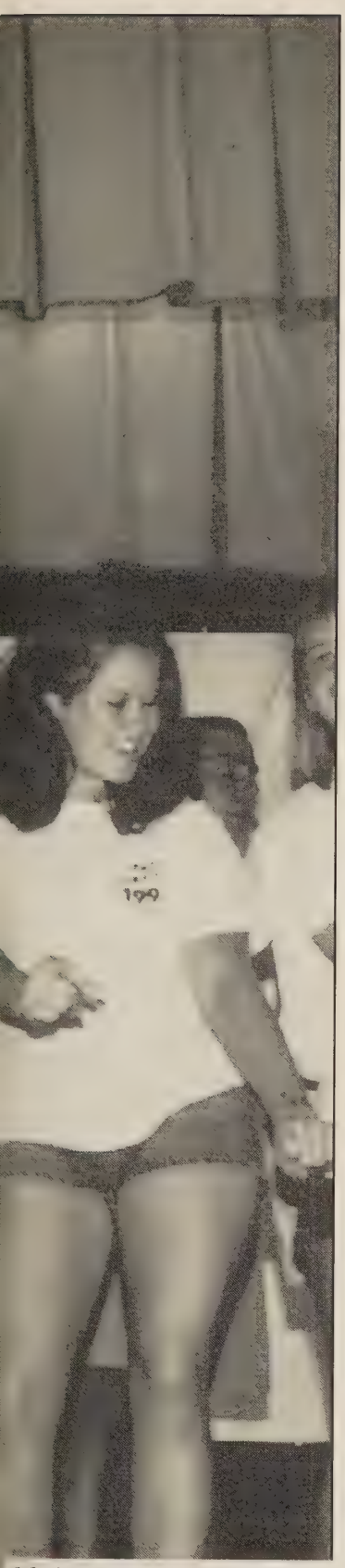
These Are The Days

With the arrival of warm weather and exams in the future, seniors await that final week of school...senior week. The week offered seniors the opportunity to say good-bye while having fun with their friends.

Each day had a different theme to dress for: beach day, silly day, backwards day, college day, kid day and unity day. Along with kid day came milk and cookies, and with silly day came many crazy outfits. Senior Patricia Moran said, "I had fun dressing up. Senior Week made our last few days together really fun."

The week began with the traditional cookout, which was held at O.B. Gates Elementary School. This was a departure from the usual location -- behind Bird. "As long as we were having fun, it doesn't matter where we were," said senior John Gardner.

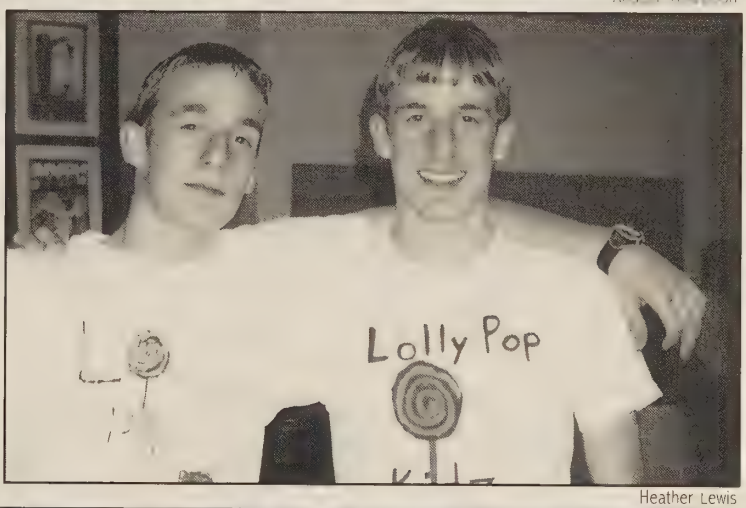
The week ended with the senior awards assembly. Even though it wasn't the last time the class would gather, tears were still shed by many members of the class. "I didn't realize until it was too late how much I would miss everyone," said senior Ashley McLaurin.



We Are the World. Seniors gather together for one of the last times at the senior "pass the torch assembly" following the traditional cookout. Anyone interested gathered on stage to sing *Lean On Me.* Senior Jamie Whitlow said, "I never realized school could be this much fun."

Angela Hawkinson

☞ *Celebrate Good Times.* Anxiously awaiting the name of the next recipient, soon-to-be graduates listened attentively at the Senior Awards Assembly. They joined together to accept honors, and to bestow congratulations on their classmates who received awards. Scholarships and other awards were presented by various community organizations and departments within the school. A total of $575,000 was awarded to students.



Heather Lewis

☞ *Munchkin Mania.* Seniors Adam and Brian Nalder get together to share a special time acting like kids again. The unity of senior week provided many with closure to a long and productive school career. "Dressing up as a kid brought back lots of old memories," said Adam.

Angela Howsmon

☞ *And the award goes to...* Katie Springer makes her way across the stage to accept her scholarship from Mr. Tylus during senior week. At the senior awards assembly, Katie was the recipient of the St. John's Episcopal Church scholarship. Approximately 75 seniors were honored with certificates, scholarships or other awards for outstanding accomplishments in many different areas.

Candice Cobb

☞ *Ten For One and One For All.* Megan Haynie, Eric Eichenlaub, Tiffany Garrison, Brian Akom, Shane Osterbind, Angela Thomas, Jamie Whitlow, Katy Brightly, Gordon Chisholm, and Shannon Mc Anelly show their class spirit by dressing alike in dresses and suspenders made especially for kid day. By doing so, they they got out of class for milk and cookies. "We also got called out of class to have this picture taken." said Gordon.

Messages in a Bottle

On June 18, seniors found the cure for senioritis -- graduation. Senioritis is a mere laziness that hits most seniors toward the end of their senior year. "For me, senioritis started my freshman year, and I probably won't grow out of it until I'm 45," said senior Jason Bessent.

Traditionally graduation has been held at the Richmond Coliseum. This year, along with other changes, it was held at the Seigel Center on the campus of VCU. "It's a miracle that I made it to graduation because I'm horrible with directions, and I had no clue where the Seigel Center was," said senior Jessica Cope.

This year marks the first year all people attending graduation were required to show a ticket at the door. Seniors showed many different emotions about this new limitation. Senior David Irizarry said, "It didn't bother me when they gave sixteen tickets. I just wanted to graduate."

Each graduate was originally given eight tickets, and was allowed to request up to eight additional tickets. The Seigel Center has a seating capacity of approximately 7,500, which was enough room for everyone who wanted to come. "The advantage of having tickets is to keep the folks from the VCU campus from wandering into the graduation," said Mr. Tylus.

In years past graduates have left stickers on the principal as they walk across the stage. This year they each wrote a message to be placed in a time capsule instead. "I thought hard before I wrote something because it might come back to haunt me," said senior Lindsey Callery.

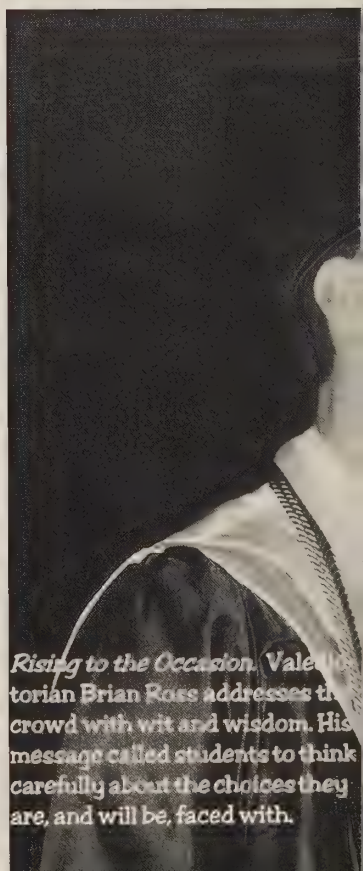
In 50 years, it will be interesting for them to see what was on their minds in 1999.

Shawn Herndon

Lucky in Leadership. Class of "99 members have been fortunate to have superior administrators during their time at Bird. Each and every speech applauded the support and visibility of Mr. Joseph Tylus in his first year as principal. Here, he recognizes with gratitude the efforts of Dr. John Baskerville (past principal) on behalf of the graduating class.

Shawn Herndon

A Leader of the Pack. Shane Osterbind is congratulated by Mr. Tylus on being awarded the $3,000 Mildred P. Spencer scholarship. Three special awards were reserved for announcement on graduation day.

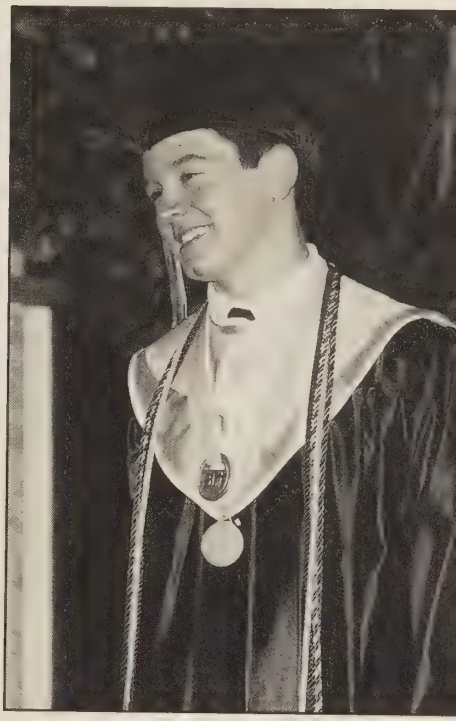


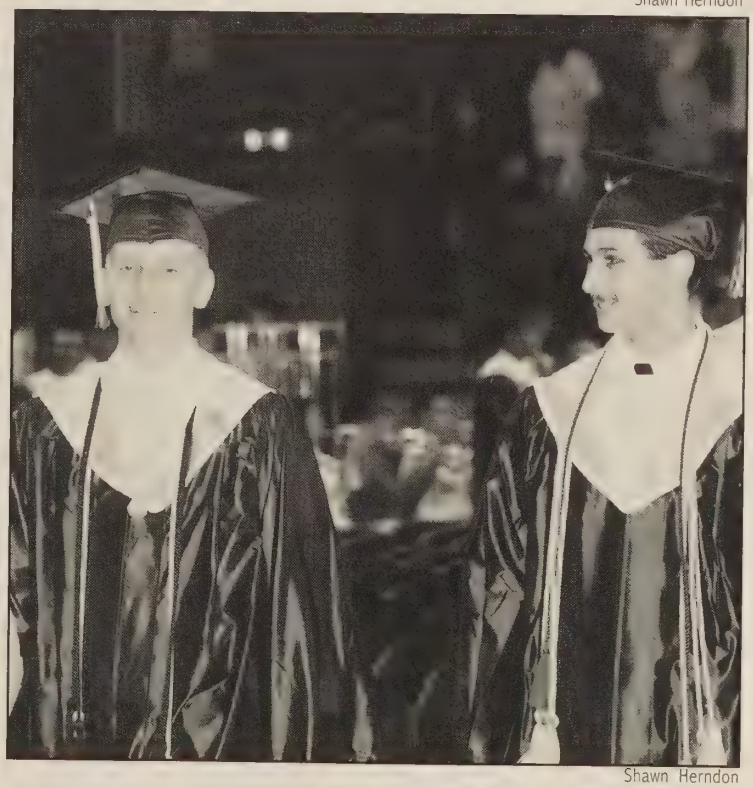
Rising to the Occasion. Valedictorian Brian Ross addresses the crowd with wit and wisdom. His message called students to think carefully about the choices they are, and will be, faced with.

Shawn Herndon

Oh Say Can You See? Kim Cutler, accompanied by Eric Rakes on the trumpet, confidantly sings the national anthem just after the processional. Her strong, clear voice added to the grandeur of the occasion.

Greetings and Salutations. Justin Anderson, class Salutatorian, delivers his address. Justin reminded everyone that many childish games should be left behind as graduates embark on their new journey into adulthood.





Shawn Herndon

Circumstantial Evidence. Van Smith, Jeff Halbig march in to the tune of *Pomp and Circumstance,* played by the Skyhawk band, during the processional. In Bird's tradition, class officers and honor graduates process in first, followed by members of the class in alphabetical order.

By Lindsey G. Halbert

Sara Verret

☜*NoSe Habla Ingles.* Sophomore Tara Garrison eats at El Paso on a Spanish field trip. "I really enjoyed the tasty food there," said Tara. ☞*How Much Wood Could a Woodchuck Chuck?* Sophomore Adam Payne designs projects in his wood tech class. "I plan on taking this class again, because it lets me be creative," said Adam.

David Caldwell

During high school, students are involved in many aspects of their education. From joining clubs, to taking a variety of classes, students are able to obtain a vast amount of information. They will use this knowledge to keep their priorities straight throughout life. By "holding onto that thought," they will always be able to stay ahead of the game.

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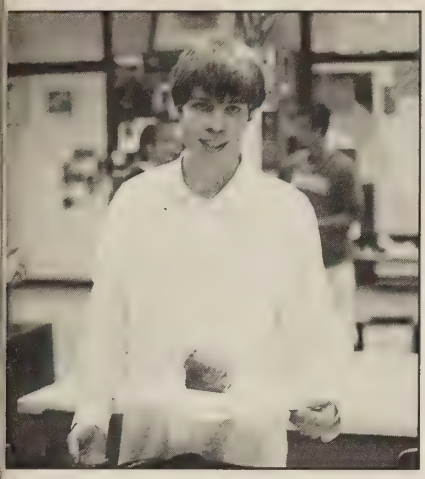
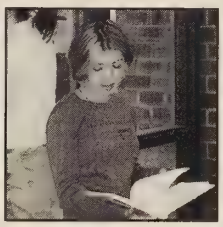
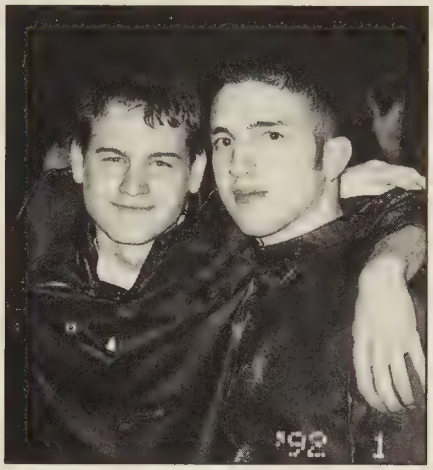
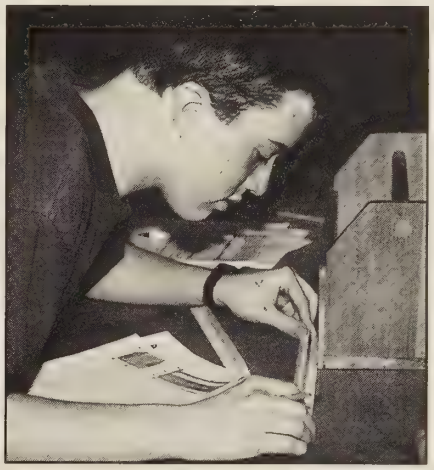
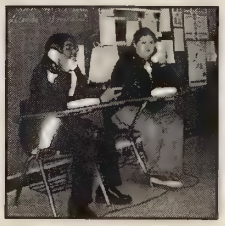






Pictured from top left:Matt Gormley•Michelle Taylor, Shelby Ray, Calandra Taylor• Valerie Petway• Moona Em• Jun Chang• Sophia Ni• Sarah Hastings• Rachel Westra• LeonaBurke• Justin Hastings, Dustin Shifflett•Tiffany Garrison, Jenny Skelton• Dana Howell•Jimmy Ebertowski, Brandon Williamson•Kristina Nilsen, Brandy Wagenseller• Tim Harris• Maria Starnes, Carly Smith, Dean Weeks, Lazette Woolridge, Jonathan Godwin•Nicole Owen• Carla Seay, Jennifer Holmes•Angela Hamlin•

Angela Bier

Homework On The Job. Senior Trey Nichols gets a little studying in at work. "Overall, working with dead animal skin is fun. We're all one big family at Sea Dream Leather," said Trey.

Becky Eber

Potty Time. Junior Zoe Boston takes a little time to study in a very unusual place before going home. "I study in the bathroom after school while waiting for my ride."

Where do you study?

By Angela Bier & Becky Ebert

Stephanie Primack

Study Session. Some students use lunch time for forgotten tests and homework. "I don't usually eat lunch and study, but for history it's an exception," said Chad Farlow.

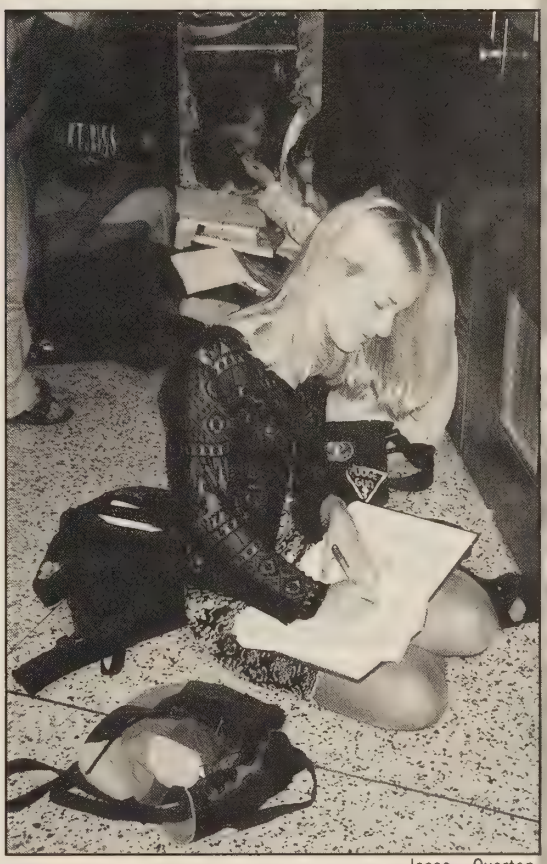
Becky Eber

Backseat Lesson. Freshman Lauren Cox studies in her friend Becky Fritz's car. "I like to study in Becky's car because it is very comfortable," said Lauren.

Angela Lovett

Making The Grade. Tristan Jones studies hard during Mr. Norton's class. "It takes a lot of hard work to get through AP history," said Tristan.

Mad Rush. Junior Becky Fritz rushes to finish her homework before the bell rings. "Like I really have time to do my homework at home!" said Becky.



Jesse Overton

Reading, writing and arithmetic. Whether for geometry or English, students look for ways to study that work best for them. Nearly everyone has different methods of studying. Like it or not, if they want to pass, time must be set aside to study.

Sophomore Lindsey Garfinkel said her best method for studying was going over one section at a time. "I often study out on my roof for peace and quiet," said Lindsey.

Contrary to popular belief, a quiet atmosphere is not necessarily beneficial to everyone. "Music makes studying a lot easier for me," said sophomore Diana Nelson.

Studying locations include floors, beds, desks, bathrooms, and cars. "I study on my floor because I don't have a desk, and my bed's too lumpy," said junior Brandon Marsh.

No matter how students study, most agree that true studying takes simple time and effort.

Becky Ebert

A Breath Of Fresh Air. Joy Brandli studies in the parking lot. "I like to study outside when the weather is nice," said Joy.

Cynthia Reed

Couch Potato. Chris Reed studies for English. "The couch is more comfortable and the TV's there if I get bored."

Watch That Language

By Kim Skora

Who gets to skip class to go out to eat at a restaurant like El Paso? Or gets to learn a daily lesson from a TV satellite? Or even spends a couple nights full of friends, contests, fun, and games? All these wonderful things are tied in with the foreign language classes. To help her students gain an appreciation for Mexican style food, Mrs. Joosse took her classes to eat at El Paso during class time. "I was really excited about missing class to go out to eat," said Angela Bier.

"I think the students really get something out of it," said Mrs. Joosse.

Students taking Japanese learn their lessons from a television. A lesson comes via satelite on specific days of the week. "It's really different to have a television as a teacher," said T.J. Snelling.

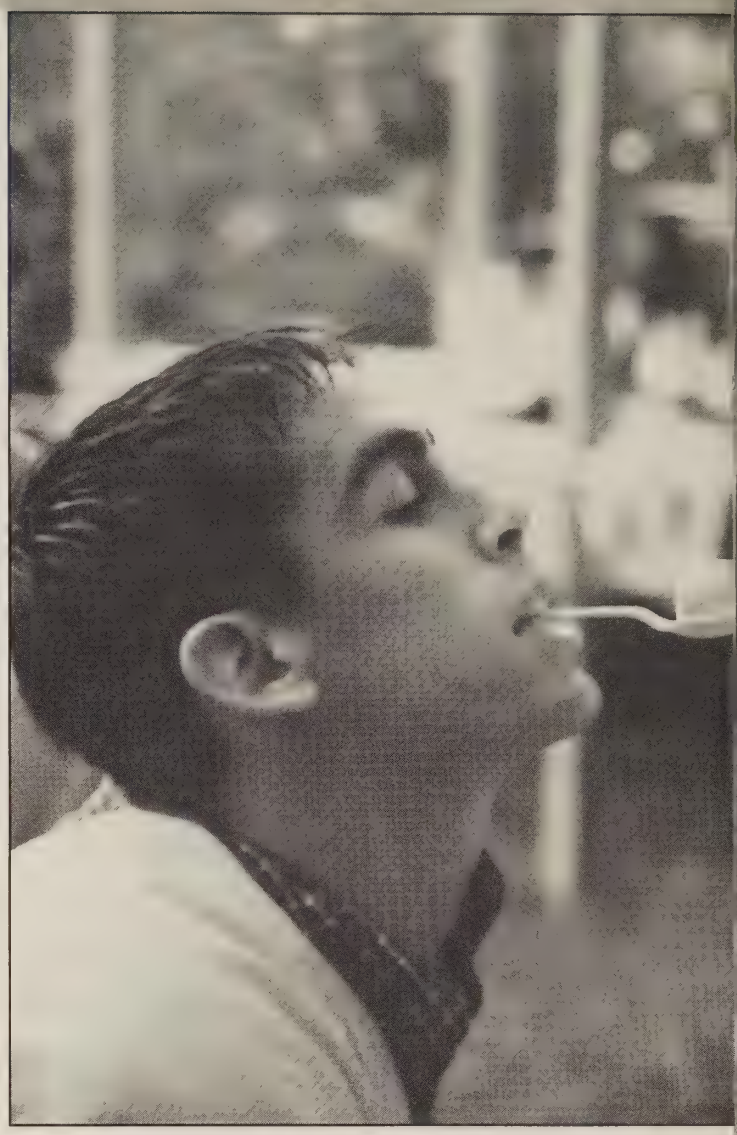
Another language with an interesting way of teaching is Latin. At the beginning of the year, everyone can go to the Latin initiation at Mrs. Hicks' house. Here students enjoy swimming and games. Foreign language classes are not the only classes allowed to have fun.

> "Reading is the key"
> -Erik Rosvall

To aid student understanding, some English classes listen to an audio version of *Macbeth* as they read. "I thoroughly enjoy teaching *Macbeth*. It's my favorite part of the curriculum," said Mrs. McFarlane.

Mrs. Paulette may be retiring soon, but it didn't slow her down. She took her students to Washington, DC and took students to England during spring break.

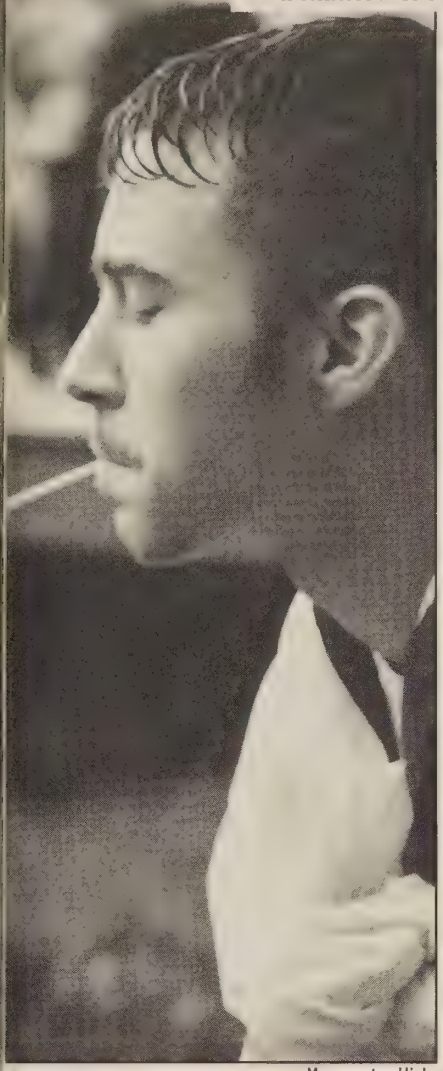
Mrs. Clark's creative writing classes have the opportunity to participate in the Coffee House, where students can bring parents and a friend to share their writing and poetry. "This allows students to share their work with each other," said Mrs. Clark. The only thing that seems to be putting a damper on the English curriculum is the new SOL test. Matt Fitzgerald complained that, "Teachers start getting frantic when they realize they haven't covered everything on SOL's, and everything gets crammed in." Despite the fast pace, English and foreign language teachers make the best of the curriculum by including exciting activities for their students.



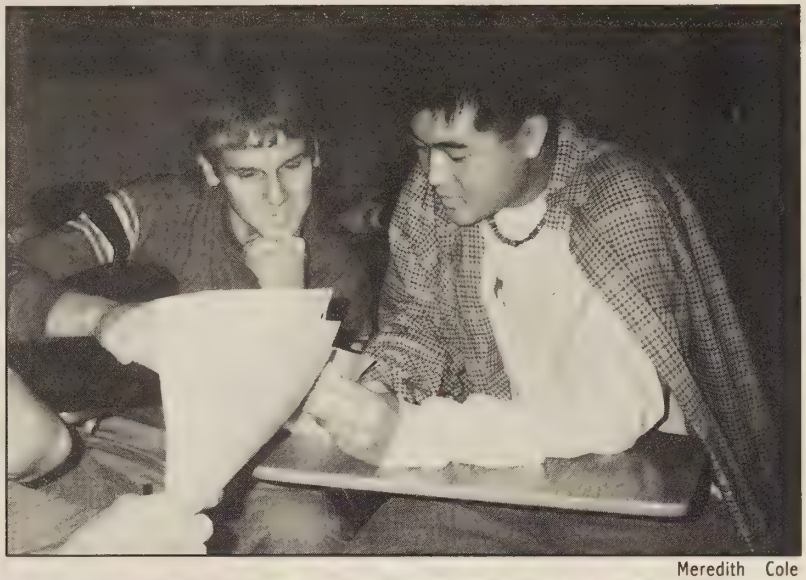
Michelle Clark

To Be....Or Not To Be. Seniors Jason Myers and Abby Morris show off their acting skills at the Coffee House. "I liked hearing everyone else's poetry," said Jason.

Marshmallow Men. Gabe Garcia and Matt Pullano take part in the games at the Latin initiation. "The games were kind of strange, but the food was great." said Matt.



Margaret Hicks

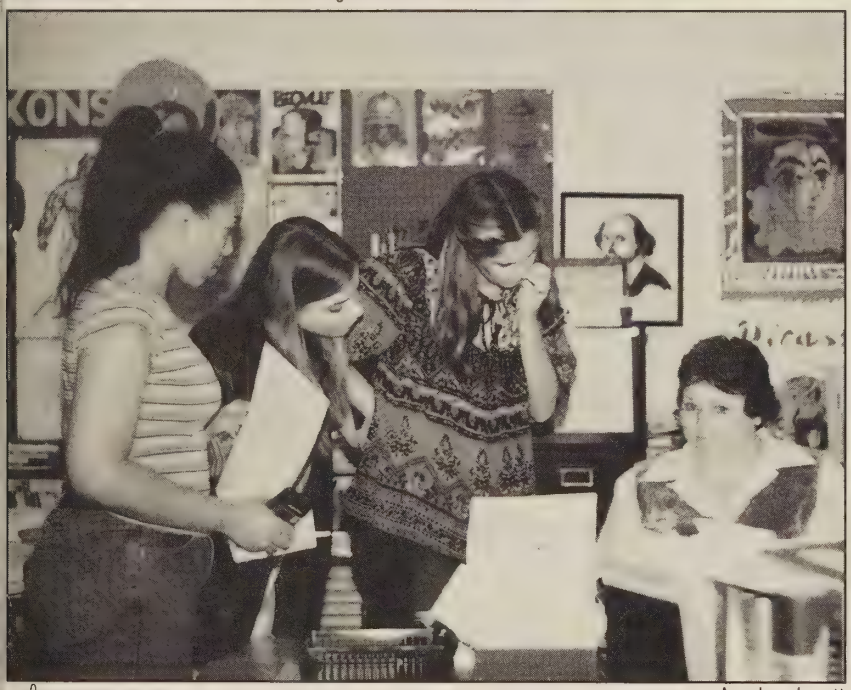


Meredith Cole

Help Me.....Help Me! Trey Nichols and Thomas Lee work together on a translation in Ms. Munro's 4*5*Z*H Latin class. "I love Latin!" said Trey.

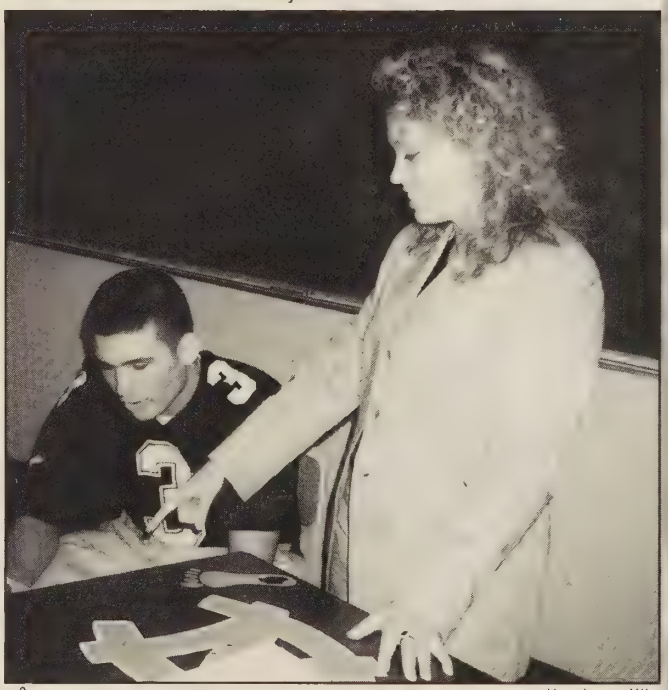
Lindsey Halbert

Hocus Pocus! Esther Hill, Kristina Nilsen, and Brandy Wagenseller perform magic in English class. "It was a chance to get away with acting like a witch," said Brandy.



Angela Lovett

Three's Company.. Andrea Yancey, Jamie Snyder, and Lisa Viets get help from Mrs. Paulette during class. " I always need Mrs. Paulette's advice," said Jamie.



Heather Hile

Teacher's Pet. Ms. Munro gives Brian Burnette some extra help after school."I'm always ready to help," said Ms. Munro.

Physical Expressions. "I get to express some of my inner thoughts onto a picture that you can see," said Shannon Conway. Photography gives many students the ability to let their imagination run free.

Exceptional Students. Special students are special in their own way, including Justin Poythress and Kisha Williams. "Each of the students are individuals. All of these kids are unique," said Ms. Kalman.

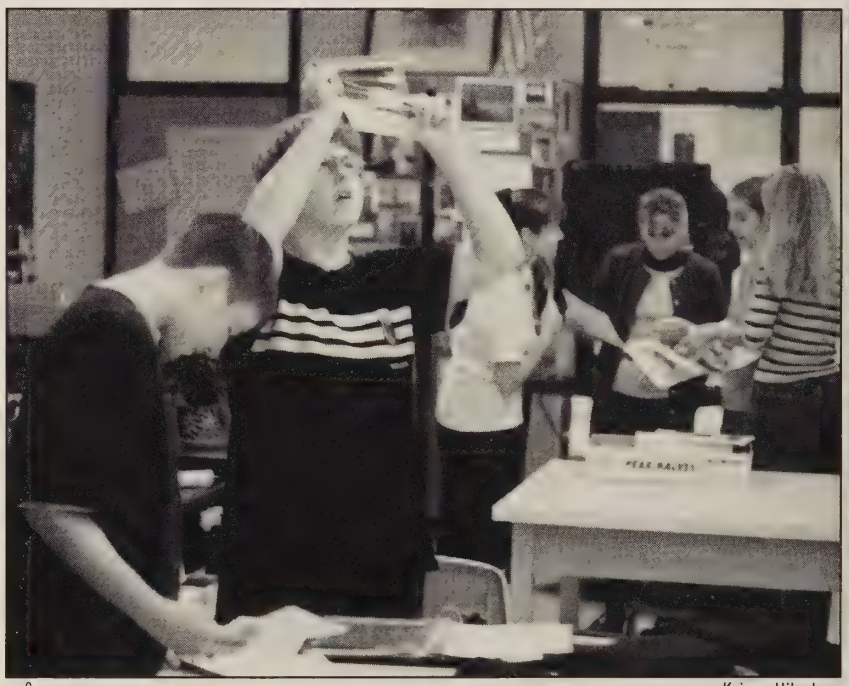
Andrea Yancey

On the Count of Three, Say Cheese . . . Photography students take a field trip to Washington, D.C. "Photography is one of the most freeing classes I have. It is easy to express myself," said Jennifer Terrill.

Marie O'Kleasky

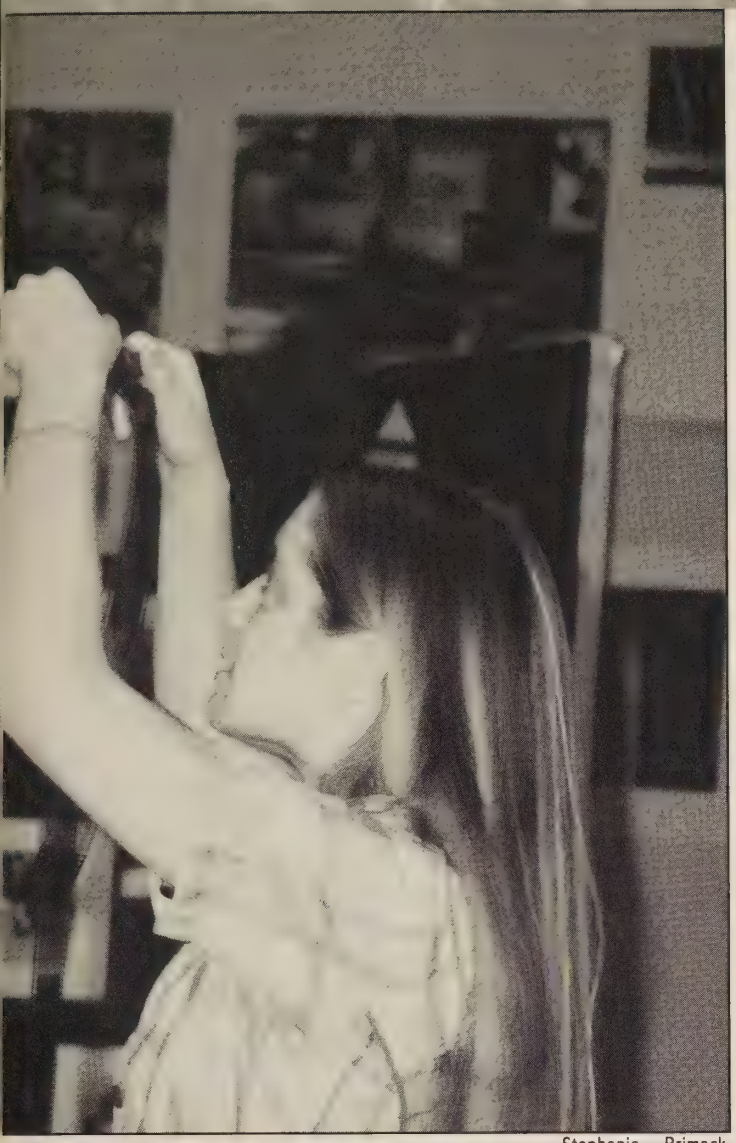
Elise Boyd

Invisible Components. Ms. Wormald's class tries out a new ritual of making a machine. "Our class works really well together," said junior Will Ogle. "We should do it more often."



Kris Hilscher

Decisions, Decisions. Junior Scott Simmons tries to find the right negative to use for a photography project. "There are so many to choose from. Mrs. O'Kleasky usually helps me out," said Scott.



Stephanie Primack

Margaret Furgerson

All the King's Knights. Senior Matt Butler gets in his garbs to show his musical talents in the Yuletide Feast. "Music is a big part of my life. Through the music department we can creatively display our talents," said Matt.

Artistic & Exceptional Awareness

By Andrea Yancey

Creativity and patience are important components of the fine arts and special education departments. Each year additions and changes take place. The newest face was art teacher Ms. Wood, who was well received by her fellow teachers. Another change in the art department was pioneered by Mrs. Wyatt. She has been re-evaluating upper level art classes, setting up a computer lab, and initiating a craft department. "A stained glass, stone project is something I want to do for the students and teachers," said Wyatt.

Conceptual photography, color photography and polaroid transfers are just a few of the interesting projects that photography students do throughout the year. "I enjoy looking at my students' works and seeing all the great ideas and pictures they come up with," said Mrs. O'Kleasky. Her love of photography inspired her to become a photography teacher. Love for one's craft seems to appeal to most fine arts teachers, including drama teacher Ms. Wormald.

"I teach drama so I can do theater every day, and get paid for it. . .besides, I'm too old to be a waitress," said Wormald. "High-spirited" students collaborate with Ms. Furgerson's students to produce the spring musical.

Special education students are active participants in the chorus department. "They have limitations, but are not limited," said special education teacher Ms. Ferguson. Students in the program are taught skills they can use in everyday activities. Every week they take field trips to reinforce what they have learned. "For example, if we have a cooking exercise we go to Ukrop's, buy the food, and cook it at school," said Ms. Garner.

The special education students each receive an IEP at the end of the year. "An IEP, Individual Education Plan, is a report on how a student has done throughout the year," said Ms. Kalman.

The special education class structure is different from other classes. "We can ask the kids what they want to do and then do it," said Ms. Ferguson.

Naturally and Socially Aware

By Ashley Matthews

Materials needed for the science department: labs, notes, books, pens and a lot of energy! *Handle with care.* Holding many special activities throughout the year, science usually becomes one class that can keep up the attention level of most students. "I like science because you get to move around instead of sitting for an hour and a half," said senior Zach Woodson.

Earth science teacher Mr. Powell constructed hot air balloons, bottle rockets, and even a web page for the students. Several chemistry teachers had their students make scientific "ornaments" to accompany the holiday spirit. Each student was assigned an element from the periodic table, and had to design a Christmas tree ornament that would best show the use of that element. Each science class brought forth unique discoveries, and held many opportunities for students.

"History is like a puzzle..."

Journey back to the...past? Whether enjoying the times from the 1920's , 1970's or even back to the 1800's, the study of history is a key factor in finding out things from the past. "History is like a big puzzle and each time period is a small piece," said junior Stephanie Primack.

The International Affairs course was offered for the first time this year, allowing students to hold debates, talk about international affairs, and think of ways to solve the problems. "You stop seeing things from an American point of view," said senior T.J. Claytor.

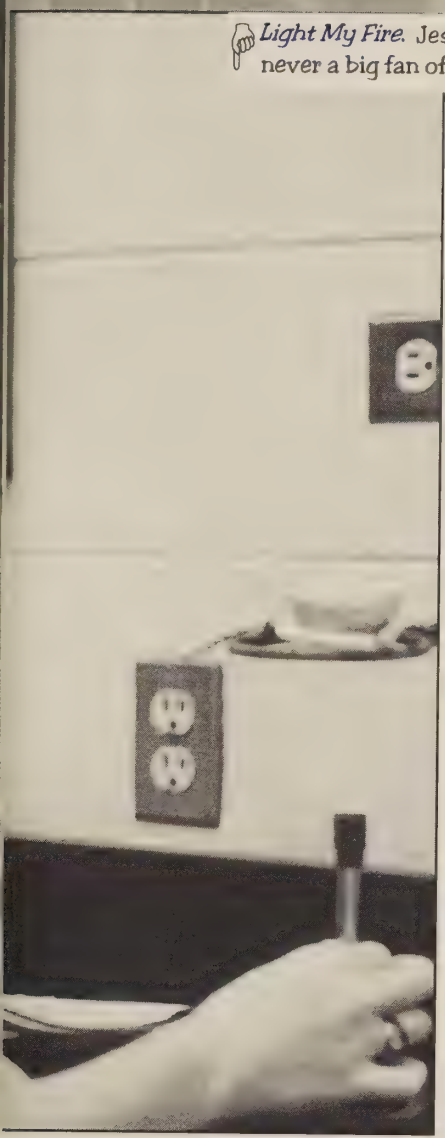
Other extras offered by the history department are the dual enrollment course taught by Mr. Cormier and the AP U.S. History course taught by Mr. Norton. Each of these classes gave an opportunity to earn college credit, while simultaneously receiving high school credit. Mr. Norton jokingly described his AP course as three semesters worth of work shoved into seven months and designed for "masochistic antiquarians with a bent toward low grade point averages."

Though many students have different feelings about each subject, there are definitely benefits to each. Junior Brian Cannon summed it up as simply, "Science changes history."

Ashley Matthews

O, Christmas Tree? Juniors Becca Jacobs and Mary Tolbert examine the periodic element "ornaments" that their classmates constructed. "The project helped me understand the elements, but also put me in the holiday spirit!" said Becca.

Light My Fire. Jessica Hammer intently watches a Bunsen burner in chemistry class. "I was never a big fan of lighting the Bunsen burner, but I've gotten used to it," said Jessica.



Angela Lovett

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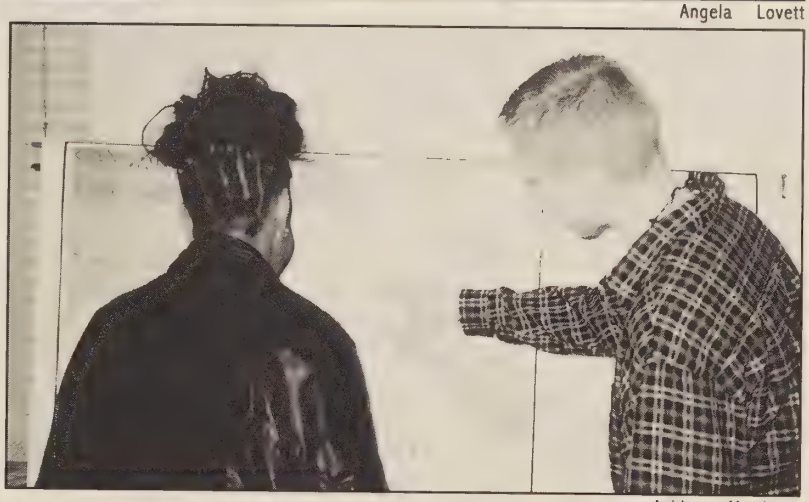
Double, Double Toil and Trouble... Chemistry teacher Mrs. Glaser dresses up to perform a special Halloween experiment for her students. "To me, the experiment is the highlight of the year. I usually stay after school the night before until 6:00 preparing for it," said Mrs. Glaser.



Ashley Matthews

Where's Waldo? Freshmen Takiyiah Hill and Justin Holt check the map in world history. "I like maps because you can be anywhere in the world in one second," Justin said.

Sara Verret

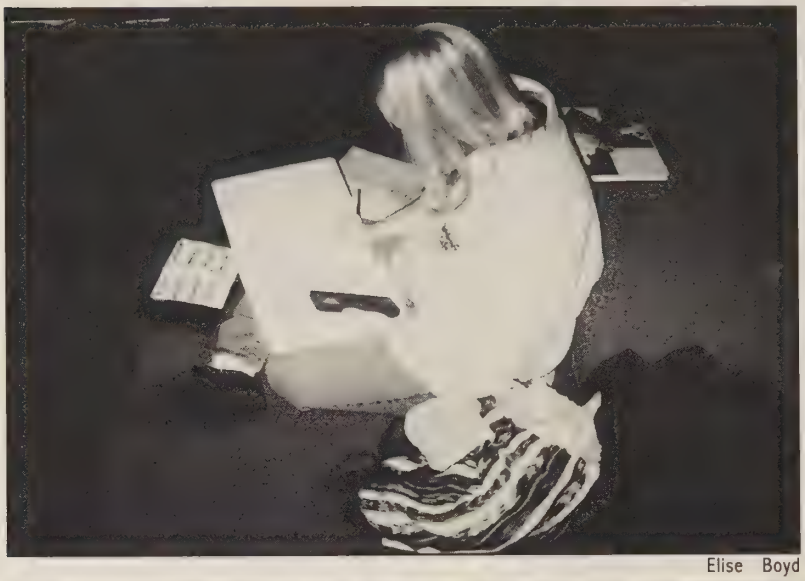
Back to Kindergarten. Senior Matt Hundley creates a mitosis book in biology class. "It's definitely a welcomed change from most high school work," Matt said.

Sara Verret

Roll-a-Rama. Seniors Thomas Lee and Zakiya Mudiwa combine fun and science while working on their physics project. "I'm surprised I could actually learn while having fun," said Thomas.

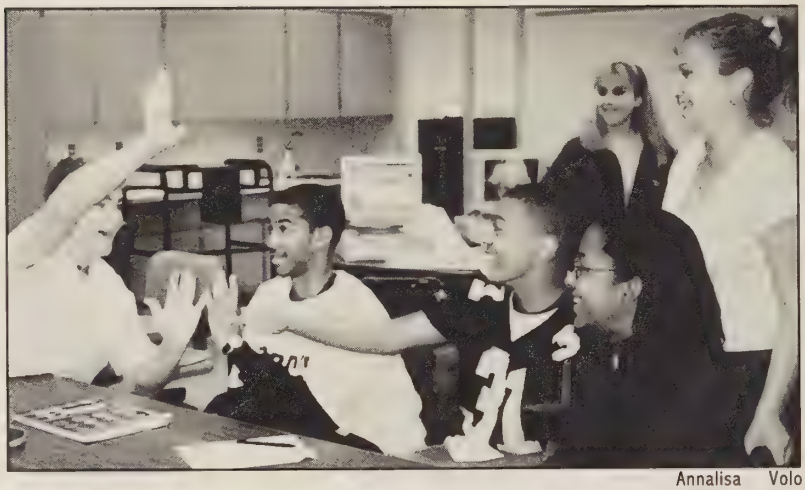
Double Trouble. Juniors Kisha Page and Crystal Chapman work steadily to finish their classwork. "With a teacher like Mrs. Sadler, all we can do is work!" said Kisha.

In a Minute... Sophomore Taylor Robb stops for a minute to catch up on math homework during drama class. "I don't like doing last night's homework in class but sometimes I do what I have to do," said Taylor.



Elise Boyd

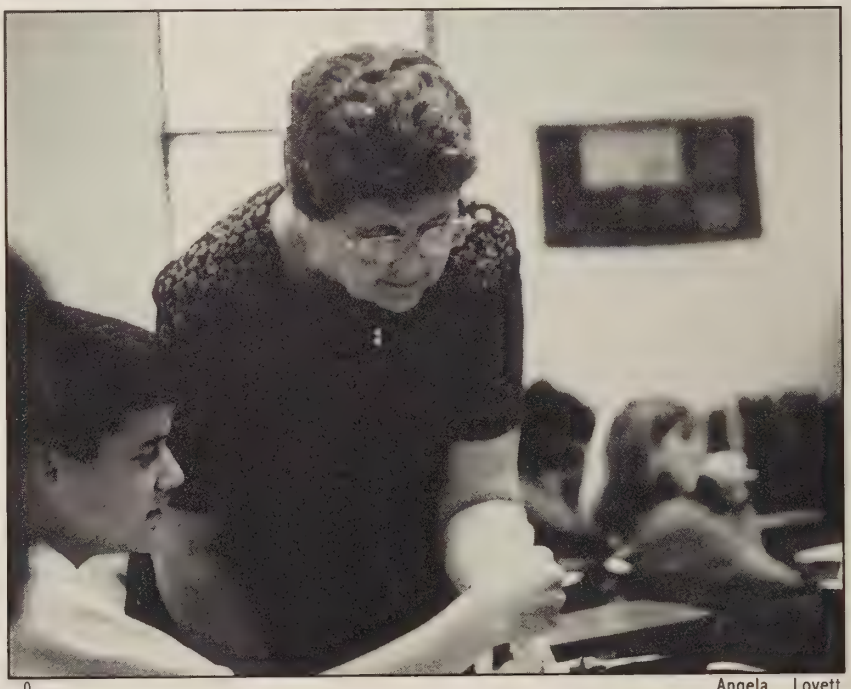
Can I Get a...? Students Jonathan Tingen, Derrick Washington, and Duane Whirley take time to slap skin in their MIS class. "The class seems to go by shorter when we have chill time," said Derrick.



Annalisa Volo

Kim Skora

Of Math and Men. Juniors Patrick McDowell and Kenneth Herbert examine their graphing calculators. "These new calculators can do almost all of my homework with just a press of a button," said Patrick.



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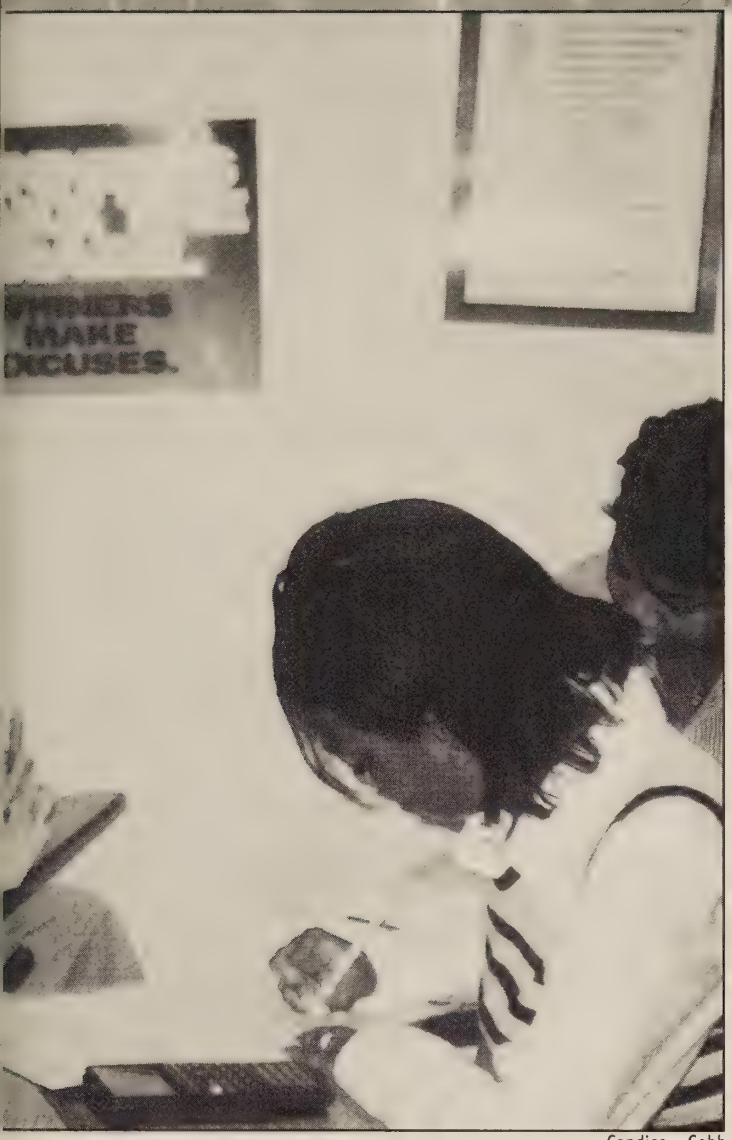
Helping Hands. Mrs. Donley aides Jon Byrnes in a troubling math question. "Individual help is our best way to assist students when they do not understand a concept," said Mrs. Donley.



Candice Cobb

Annalisa Volo

So Type This... Junior Amanda Dickerson uses her keyboarding skills to complete a report on the computer. "Sometimes when the work builds up my class becomes really stressful," said Amanda.

Countdown to Careers

By Stephanie Primack

Computer skills and business skills + students = knowledge for the future. As the world steps closer to total technological dependency, Bird business students prepare themselves.

Not only does Bird have the boasting rights of the largest business department in the county, but many students are also enrolled in two to three business classes. "Taking more than one business class helps prepare the students for college and later employability," said keyboarding and computer applications teacher Mrs. Garr.

Many students decided to take a business class because they thought it would be an easy course. "I chose a finance class because I thought it was going to be slack, but it turned out to be really helpful," said junior Matt Pullano. Other students took a business class because they realized their need for computer awareness. "Taking a keyboarding class my freshman year has enabled me to use my skills throughout high school," said junior Kara Cunningham.

> "Immediate rewards..."

Challenge: an arousing competitive interest, thought, or action. Although mathematical challenges require much time and effort, the results are almost instantaneous. "I like the immediate rewards after completing an especially difficult math problem," said geometry and calculus teacher Mr. Slosser.

Most students agree that a math class requires patience and perseverance to comprehend the necessary skills. "Even though math is not one of my favorite classes, after I finish a hard question I feel like I'm on top of the world!" said Dustin Miller.

Although math and business classes go in different directions of the educational fields, they both prepare students for the future. "It's very stressful taking a business and math class at the same time. I try to just think of the consequences of all the hard work!" said junior Kenya Brown. Payoff will undoubtedly come to hard working students in the form of success.

Physically and Technologically Fit

By Annalisa Volo & Katherine Prugh

From bodybuilding to engine-building, students participated in many activities that required both physical and mental fitness. Despite the lack of a gymnasium, students still participated in gym but things were a little different due to the construction. "Moving out of your normal routine is pretty hard," said Mr. Tester. Most of the activities that the students participated in were held outside.

In order to receive a grade, the students had to participate in softball, tennis, frisbee, and soccer. "Students do have to participate in some fashion or manner to be able to get a decent grade," said Mr. Preskitt.

Vocational education classes include technical drawing, fashion marketing, a parenting/child course and technical education. Instead of drawing on boards and using tools, Mr. McLaughlin moved some of his technical education classes to the CAD lab, and his students were given the opportunity to work on computers. Mr. McLaughlin looked at it as "the future of drafting."

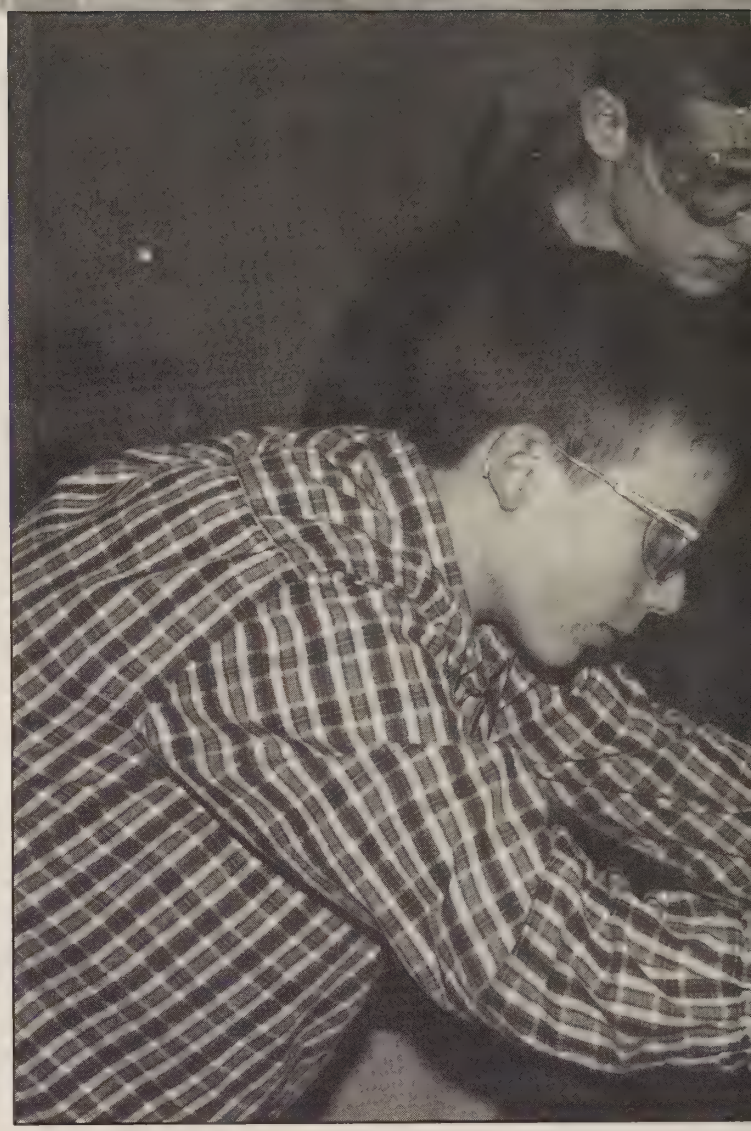
Mr. Russell and Mr. Beckner let their technical education students pick their own projects as opposed to assigning them a project. "I took this class to learn how to make stuff out of wood and use different tools," said junior Jason Patton.

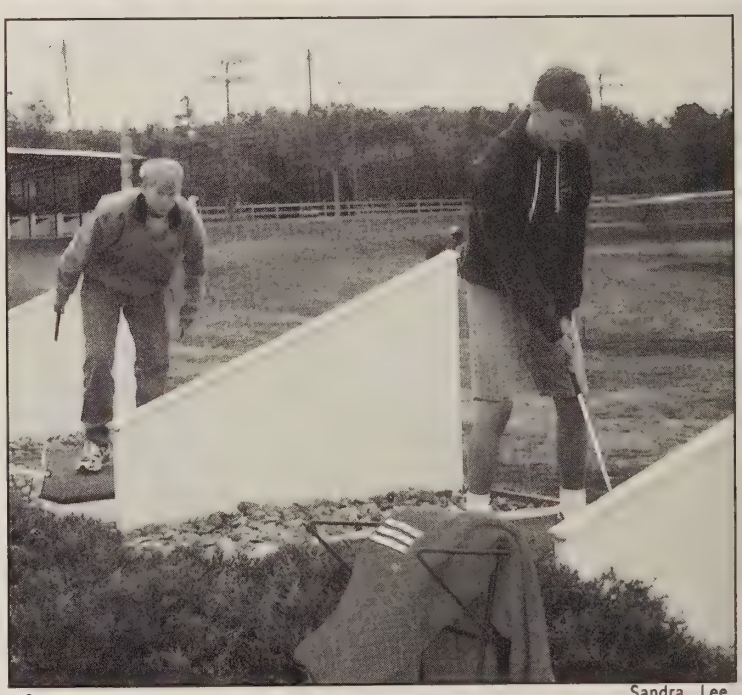
Parenting classes taught students how to maintain a household. Sophomore Diana Harler took the class because "she loves children."

On a different note, junior Amanda Lau said, "Taking this class has made me realize that I don't want any kids."

The objective of the class was to prepare students for the future. "It shows you how to be a good mother and take good care of babies," said freshmen Priscilla Pursley.

Many students who wanted to learn about the style that changes daily took fashion marketing. These students produced their two annual fashion shows, a fall and a formal. The focus of the formal fashion show was prom, while the fall fashion show focused mainly on casual attire. Junior Erin Riley said that she already knew all the fashion styles but she wanted to "show them off in the fashion show."





Sandra Lee

Tee Time. Hunter Damewood and Nathaniel Yielding test their golf skills while on a P.E. field trip. "I love golf, so I thought it would be exciting to take my students," said Mrs. Lee.

Keeping the Motor Running. Freshman Tim Harris and sophomore Pat Bradley work on a project for Mr. Johnson's woodshop class. "The most useful project I have made is a toolbox," said Pat.

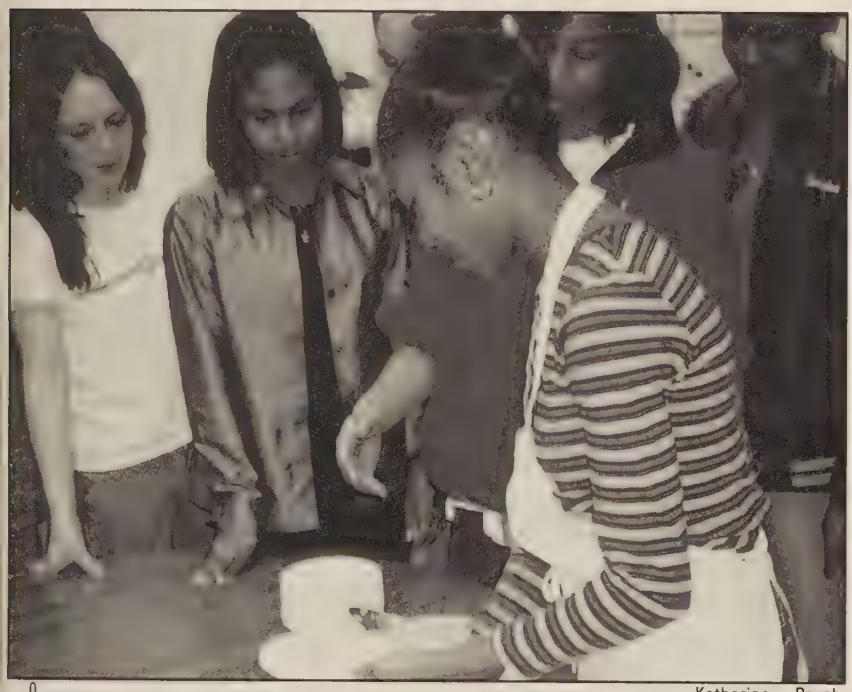
David Caldwell

Annalisa Volo

Cookie Monsters. Amanda Lau and Loretta Pate take time aside to add a little something extra to their cookie recipes. "Despite all of the mess, it was fun because we rarely ever do something like that," said Pate.

Sara Verret

Concentrate Much? Jonathan McPeters enjoys his time in architectural drawing. "My mind was set on creating the door and window schedule." said Jonathan.



Katherine Prugh

Sam I Am.. For the 95th anniversary of Dr. Suess, Starlene Evans and others in Mrs. Lythgoe's class participated in cooking green eggs and ham. "It was pretty different from anything else I have ever cooked," said Starlene.

Jeff Langford

Angel of Mine. The theme of the fashion show was "A Night to Remember" but Shomari Twyman gave Ria Marahaj "a kiss that she can remember." said Shomari.

Making the Pages Perfect. Editors Sara Verret and Kim Earles work with Section Editor Kris Hilscher to make a few preparations for the yearbook during class. "It's nice to have a chance to be involved with experienced people because they're one step ahead of everyone," said Kim.

Angela Lovett

In Their Own Words

By Kris Hilscher and Angela Lovett

In a world where opinions and beliefs are important, many students enjoy expressing their beliefs in writing courses and clubs such as Yearbook, WBRD, Newspaper, and YAWP.

Students who take Yearbook spend the year piecing together the yearbook by interviewing, taking pictures, and designing pages. "This class gives us a chance to learn how to interact with other students in a busy, productive atmosphere," said Kenya Brown. One of the objectives of the class was to give students the opportunity to experience a journalistic setting.

"It's like a real business. We have to watch how much money we spend on our pages," said Elise Boyd, editor of the senior section.

Newspaper also provided a journalistic setting. Although this was the first year for the newspaper, many students took the initiative and journeyed into the unexplored terrain of newspaper writing. "I wanted the opportunity to have my ideas heard by a wide audience," said senior Josh Cloudt. The newspaper was widely read and was well received by students and teachers.

Continuing along the publication line, YAWP, the literary magazine, holds a competition for writing, artwork, and photography. The winners are included in the annual edition. "YAWP was an amazing experience; it's fun to see all of the entries and to select the best ones," said Amber Cantrell.

WBRD and Communications class round out the English electives. Members prepare the morning announcements, choose the music to play, and work on various writing assignments. "We have to write poetry and prose and give an occasional speech," said Will Ogle. Communications allows students to write and present factually and subjectively. "WBRD taught me to speak in front of an audience and how to effectively prove my point," said Brian Cannon.

The incentive for publications include not only the finished product but recognition as well. Quill and Scroll, the National Honors Society for publications, recognizes the elite members of Yearbook and Newspaper. "I was so excited to get inducted; it was unexpected, " said Andrea Yancey.

Christina Patterson

Quill and Scroll. Row 1: A. Lovett, S. Lichvar, J. Robertson, K. Earles, S. Verret, T. Garrison Row 2: M. Cole, A. Starnes, E. Boyd, H. Hile, K. Hilscher, J. Cloudt, A. Yancey, A. Matthews

Angela Lovett

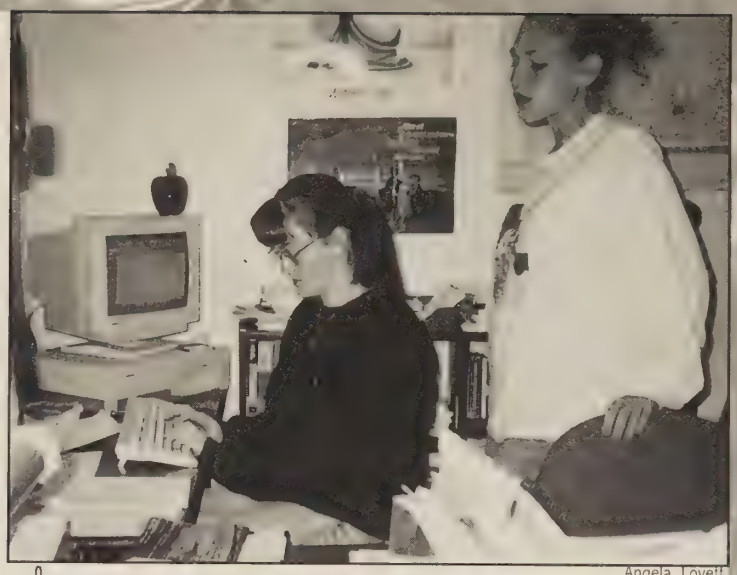
Yawp. Row 1: J. Houy, A. Cantrell Row 2: D. Irving, D. Lindsey Row 3: A. Omara-Alwala, T. Robb. Not pictured: C. Walton, A. Tussing.

Kris Hilscher

WBRD. Row 1: C. Chijioke, B. Wagenseller, S. Reed, T. Williams, A. Earley Row 2: E. Willis , B. Cannon, W. Norfleet, V. Petway, D. Lindsey Row 3: D. Whirley, J. Hayes, Mr. Mingus Row 4: B. Burnette, P. Fleming, M. Lowery, W. Ogle, W. Atkins, M. Fitzgerald, C. Hanna, A. Cheatam, P. Bruner

Kris Hilscher

Newspaper. Row 1: Pam Rose, Tiffany Garrison, Editor, Sara George, Jenny Robertson, Kristin Polich, Angela Werner Row 2: Dale Glass, Christina Patterson, Zach Woodson, Tristan Jones, Ashley Starnes, Morgan Taylor, Terri Kilgo, Ashley Jones, Sabrina Gregory Row 3: Tim Marsh, Josh Cloudt, Francesca Evola, Andy Vojtecky, Tara Garrison, Vann Madison, Aaron Lape, Allison Harris, Mandy Devine, Joy Partin.



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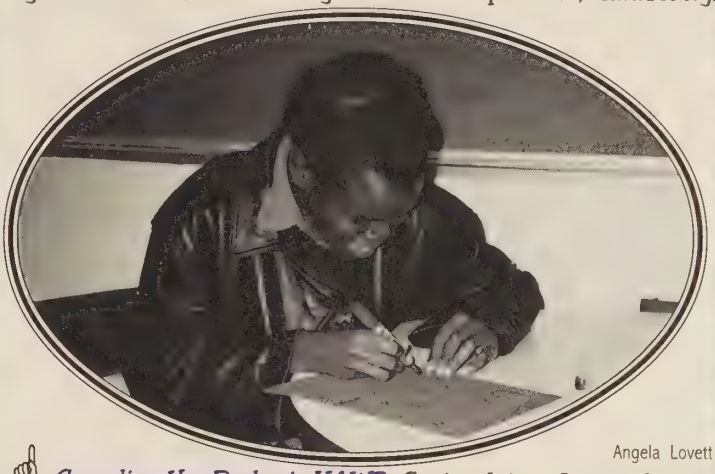
Classic Concentration. Editors Jenny Robertson and Tiffany Garrison design and edit *The Incredible Hawk.* "The newspaper was a great endeavor, it was a truly memorable experience," said Jenny.



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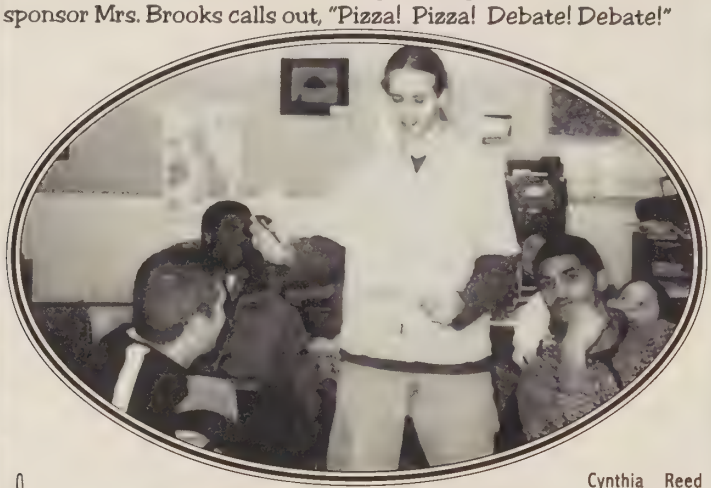
Sounding Her Barbaric YAWP. Senior Atima Omara-Alwala designs posters for a YAWP poetry contest. "I like the creativity and writing in general. I also enjoy reading other people's writing," said Atima.

Angela Howsmon

Yearbook. Row 1: Kimberly Earles, Editor, Sara Verret, Editor, Heather Hile, Candice Cobb, Angela Lovett, Sec. Editor, Elise Boyd, Sec. Editor Row 2: Kelly Brinson, Lindsey Halbert, Sec. Editor, Stephanie Primack, Meredith Cole, Sec. Editor, Danielle Beverley, Jessica Miller, Dara Boggs Row 3: Becky Ebert, Kris McNew, Kim Skora, Annalisa Volo, Ashley Matthews, Andrea Yancey Row 4: Jesse Overton, Katherine Prugh, Heather Lewis, Sec. Editor, Angela Bier, Kenya Brown Row 5: Cheryl Guthmann, Angela Spade, Kris Hilscher, Sec. Editor, Jason Clark, Cynthia Reed. Not pictured: Shelly Lichvar, Sec. Editor

Cynthia Reed

Rakin' in the Dough. Debate Team members sell breadsticks to students after school in the commons as a fund raiser. Sophomores Nora Fenner and Christina Romero patiently wait their turn, while sponsor Mrs. Brooks calls out, "Pizza! Pizza! Debate! Debate!"

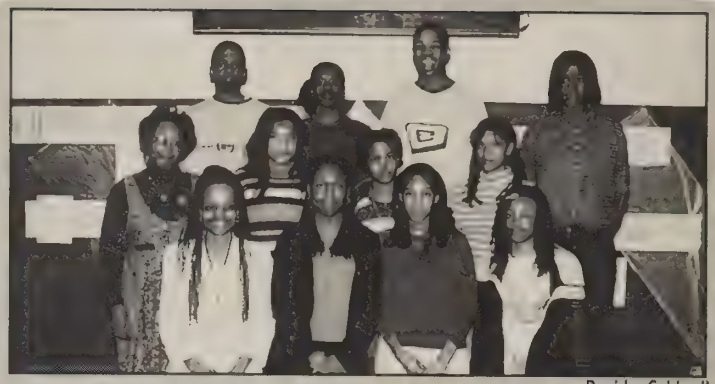


Cynthia Reed

Speech Therapy. Senior Will Norfleet and sophomore Brian Burnette practice their forensic skills in class. "I love working with Will because he's a real funny guy," said Brian.

Cynthia Reed

Watchin' the Clock. Forensics members Matt Fitzgerald and Will Atkinson watch the time closely while waiting to start the announcements. "Forensics is a good way to practice communication skills," said Matt.



David Caldwell

African American Studies Club. Row 1: Cynthia Walton, Vice President, Shondreka Perry, Treasurer, Jessica Martin, Ashley Carey. Row 2: Ms. Hawkes, Sponsor, Dolores Shurland, Stephanie Reid, Heydi Shurland. Row 3: Aaron Saunders, Robyn Jones, Steven Knight, Lashi Carroll-Jones.

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Debate Team. Row 1: Shannon Kluttz, Doug Paul, Matt Fitzgerald, Captain, Meagan Stephenson, Secretary. Row 2: Mrs. Brooks, Sponsor, Tom Richardson, Vann Madison, Matt Jones.

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Academic Team. Row 1: Matt McHugh, Samantha Collier, Thomas Lee. Row 2: Vann Madison, Captain, Jeff Halbig, Matt Fitzgerald, Esther Hill.

Cynthia Reed

Forensics Team. Row 1: Will Norfleet, Kezia Williams. Row 2: Brian Cannon, Octavier Williams, Stephanie Reid, Valerie Petway, ChiChi Chijoke, Brandy Wagenseller, Will Ogle, Matt Fitzgerald. Row 3: Mr. Mingus, Sponsor.

David Caldwell

Do a Little Dance. Shondreka Perry, Stephanie Reid, and Tonisha Harrison show off their African-American Studies Club float during the homecoming parade."Itwas interesting...dressing up and acting foolish," said Shondreka Perry. "It was fun."

Something to Talk About

By Cynthia Reed

Many students pursue academics beyond just homework and studying. They participate in academic-related clubs such as the Debate Team, Forensics, African-American Studies, and the Academic Team.

Debate opened their first year actively with many fund-raisers such as selling pizza and breadsticks and a candy sale that raised $100. The seven-member team is "quite an impressive group," according to sponsor, Mrs. Brooks. For the first time, the Debate Team went to two out of town competitions, one at JMU and Waynesboro. President Matt Fitzgerald won first place, and first time debater Doug Paul won second place. The team competed in three competitions and held a number of mock debates. Senior Shannon Kluttz said, "I like Debate Team because I love to argue with anyone who'll listen."

Competition drives members of the Academic Team to achieve success. After competing on the TV show *Challenge 23*, the seven members of the team also competed in multiple county-wide competitions. Led by Captain Vann Madison, the Academic Team meets everyday but Wednesday in Mrs. Bolton's room.

The African-American Studies Club focused on caring and celebrating their treasured heritage. The 25 members led by President Stephanie Hill held several fund-raisers, including selling entertainment books. During Black History Month, Ms. Hawkes said that the club observed Martin Luther King's birthday and donated a book by an African-American author to the school library. Other officers include Vice-President Cynthia Walton, Secretary Tiana Brown, Treasurer Shondreka Perry, Historian Andrea Keith, and Parliamentarian Stephanie Reid.

The Forensics Team is a competing team which practices and perfects the art of public speaking. The ten competitors on the team have visited competitions at Monacan and Manchester High Schools. Categories that the team competed in include the following: spelling, oratory, impromptu, humurous interpretation, and serious poetry. Members Chi-Chi Chijoke, Will Ogle, Matt Fitzgerald, Brian Cannon, and Kezia Williams placed in such categories at the New Kent competition. Some of the competitors went to the Hopewell/Charles City Invitational. "I definitely enjoy competing because if you don't win, you can always blame it on the judge," said Brian Cannon jokingly. The team, sponsored by Mr. Mingus, meets and practices during Communications class.

Photography Club: Row 1: Mrs. O'Kleasky, Sponsor; Michelle Taylor, President; Stacie Kibiloski, Jay Jones, Kristin Broughton, Jean Geary, Sara Benson, Zach Woodson, Stephanie Primack, Matt Wagner. Row 2: Becca Jacobs, Kristin Polich, Allison Harris, Jaime Wisegaver, Nikki Weaver, Ashley Oliver, Ashley Haake, Kelly King, Heather Blackmon, Shannon Conway, Nick Deratto, Brian Bier, Monique McBride. Row 3: Dale Ivey, Cortney Bradford, Angela Thomas, Sarah Davis, Kara Cunningham, Latisha Jones, Stephen Cigal, Hunter Ambrose, Stephanie Breen, Kelly Brinson, Jennifer Terrill, Scott Simmons, Kris Hilscher, Stacie Mills.

David Caldwell

The Finest of Arts

By Candice Cobb and Kelly Brinson

Fine arts demand talent and dedication. Many students possess the skill and conviction necessary to participate in a variety of fine arts clubs.

The Photography Club, sponsored by Mrs. O'Kleasky, met primarily to discuss workshops and plan activities. The club had a float in the homecoming parade and used their creativity and talent to win first place. Gavin Atkinson said, "I was the man that night, I knew we were going to win." Other activities included a stained glass workshop, a darkroom techniques workshop, and a "get together" dinner at T.G.I. Friday's.

Additionally, the Photography Club went on a field trip to New York City. They visited Ellis Island and the SOHO Village. Latisha Jones commented, "I was so excited to go, it was definitely DA BOMB!"

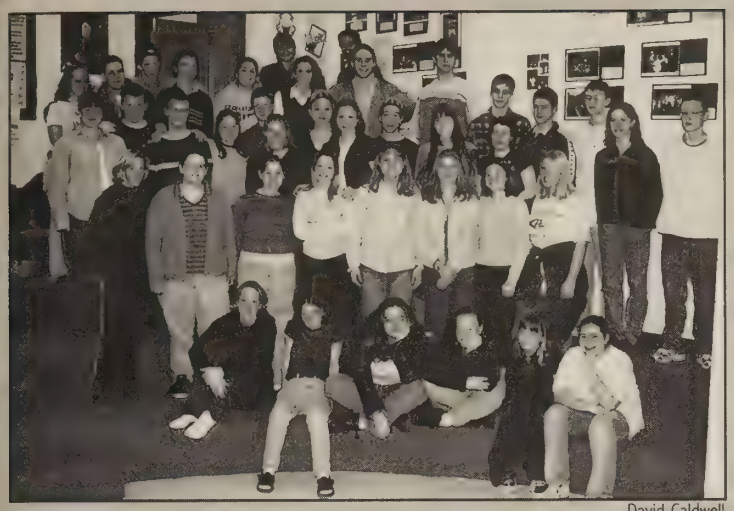
The Art Club and the National Art Honor Society were organizations that let students express themselves through art. The Art Club was sponsored by Ms. Wood and Mrs. Wyatt. They participated in craft activities after school. One activity was the glass and clay workshop. "I love art club because while there is some direction for the assignments, we are mostly free to be creative," said Heather Darby.

Mrs. O'Kleasky, Ms. Wood, and Mrs. Wyatt sponsored the National Art Honor Society. Photography and art students had the opportunity to be inducted if they maintained specific academic qualifications and showed their outstanding work. "It was a lot of hard work, which I hope will pay off in the future," said Stephen Cigal.

Many students obtained scholarships from the National Art Honor Society. Khilia Graves said, "I feel honored to have won a scholarship in the NAHS."

Mr. Earle and Ms. Wormald sponsor the Drama Club. They met many times to plan the Performance Slams held after school. In addition, the club held the talent shows in which they were responsible for the commercials. They sold entertainment books to raise money for their activities.

Eight new students were inducted this year into the Thespian Society. This is the honor society for theater students. One of the requirements for induction was to work with plays for 100 hours. The selling of refreshments at the VHSL helped fund the society's scholarship, which is awarded annually. These clubs gave students an opportunity to spend their spare time doing what they enjoy most.



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Drama Club: Row 1: A. Honaker, J. Stewart, E. Boyd, B. Kendall, A. Saferight, J. Annecchini. Row 2: E. Ferguson A. Lythicum, D. Pridgen, N. Hancock, A. Haake, C. Longstreet, R. Westra, T. Robb Row 3: A. Pollard, G. Chirkinian, J. Houy, A. Earley, K. Boos, J. Wagner, K. Hines, M. McEntire, T. Wilson, C. Manikus, T. Handschumacher Row 4: J. Klecak W. Adams, B. Marsh, K. Talley, F. Evola, C. Guthmann, W. Norfleet, M. Butler, W. Ogle, M. Sharpe, E. Young, E. Sowder, C. Smith Row 5: Ms. Wormald, Mr. Earle

David Caldwell

Thespian Society: Row 1: J. Stewart Row 2: J. Wagner, F. Evola, B. Kendall, R. Westra Row 3: A. Early, E. Boyd, J. Klecak, W. Ogle, E. Young, E. Sowder, K. Hines, C. Manikus Row 4: W. Norfleet, Mr. Earle, M. Butler, B. Marsh, Ms. Wormald.

David Caldwell

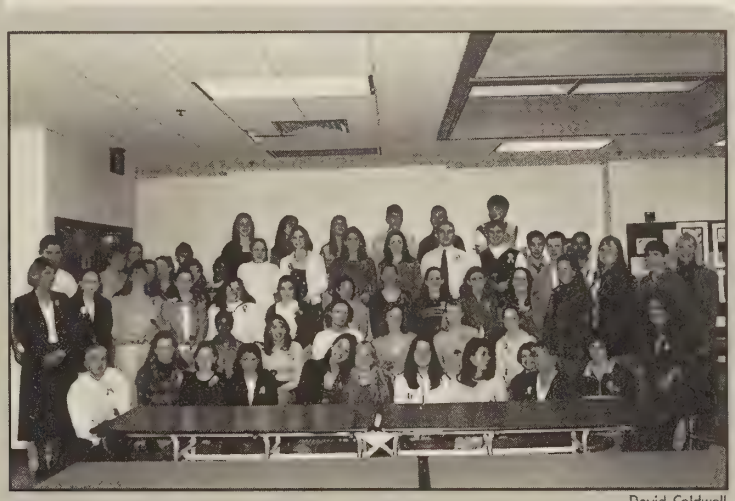
Art Club: Row 1: Mrs. Wood, Sponsor, A. Turton, K. Graves, H. Darby, Mrs. Wyatt, Sponsor. Row 2: S. Guittar, S. Lloyd, J. Terrill, P. Edmunds, J. Peay Row 3: A. Horning, D. Bradley, M. Wagner.

David Caldwell

Junk With Da' Funk Natalie Hancock, Taylor Robb, and Jenny Jennings get funky with it during their homecoming performance while showing off their hard work with the Drama Club . Natalie said," It was fun but we should have won."

Keri Wormald

1776 or 1998? Rachel Westra, on December 12, signs her contract to be one of the newest members of the Thespian Society. Rachel said, " I was shocked and surprised to be inducted. I am honored to be among some of Bird's finest young actors and techies!"



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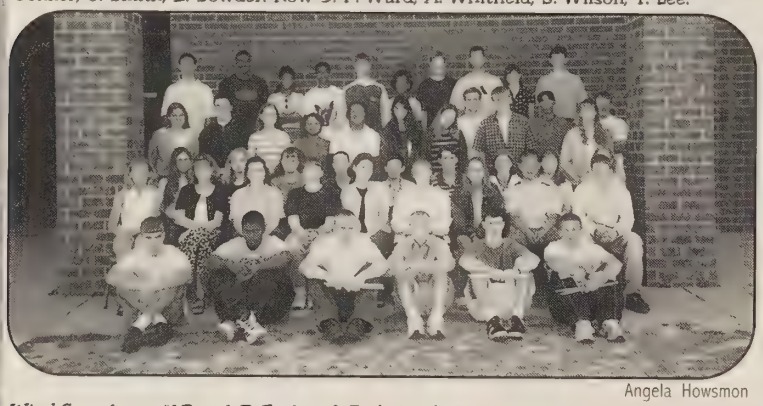
Art Honor Society: Row 1: N. Webster, H. Darby, A. Turton, K. Graves, M. McBride, S. Kibiloski, S. Dart, M. Haynie, J. Estes, Mrs. O'Kleasky, P. Grinter, Mrs. Wyatt Row 2: M. Bush, A. Thomas, K. Broughton, S. Primack, A. Matthews, B. Jacobs Row 3: Ms. Wood, L. Wells, S. Benson, M. Taylor, O. Ballard, C. Jennings, T. Handshumacher, M. Thurston, K. King, S. Mcanelly, J. Terrill, B. Leatherwood, S. Ray, P. Edmunds, L. Ferrell Row 4: J. Cale, M. Jones, M. Creggar, J. Elms, M. Angle, J. Peay, R. Britt, K. Dahlin, J. Wisegarver, K. Polich, D. Shifflett, J. Anderson, M. Wagner, T. Martin, A. Mendoza Row 5: L. Spillman, M. Talley, K. Cunningham, S. Davis, C. Coulter, S. Lloyd, J. Vereen, J. Stamps

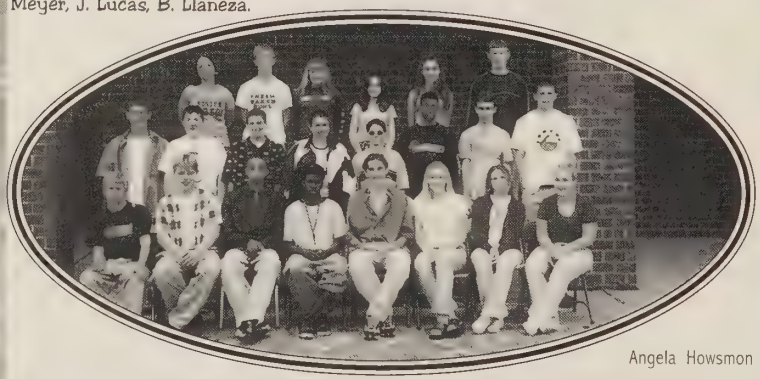
Heather Hile

Orchestra. Row 1: M. Clor, R. Stone, G. Chisholm, Ms. Ford, Sponsor. Row 2: B. Underwood, B. Luongo, L. Schmidt, A. McLaurin, R. Osterbind. Row 3: P. Harney, M. Marsh, S. Han, T. Wilson, P. Bang, D. Pendleton. Row 4: A. Thomas, A. Brammer, M. Conner, C. Smith, E. Sowder. Row 5: P. Ward, A. Whitfield, S. Wilson, T. Lee.



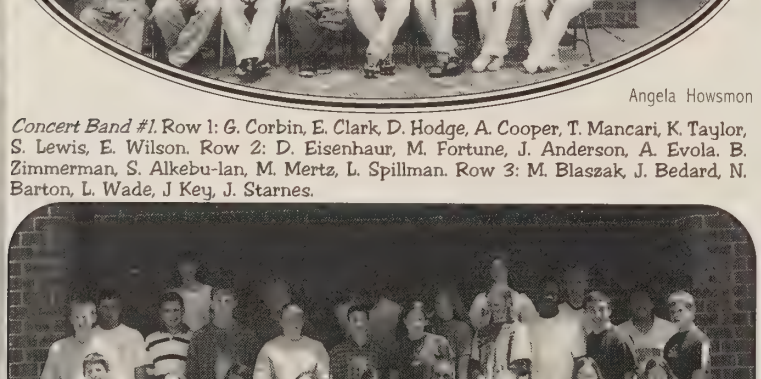
Angela Howsmon

Wind Symphony #1. Row 1: B. Tucker, A. Bedaiko, A. Grayberg, E. Eichenlaub, N. Suttler, C. Dubay. Row 2: M. Ness, K. Springer, C. Jennings, M. Reams, C. Hume, M. Chappell, D. Ivey, S. Wang, C. Lloyd. Row3: K. Crockett, M. Heerman, A. Crocker, C. Poythress, J. Davis, M. Stough, A. Delozier, A. McConnell. Row 4: V. Petway, C. Smith, M. Theis, S. Branch, M. McFarland, M. Creggar, M. McHugh, M. Petersen, T. Mohammed, C. Coulter, D. Osterbind. Row 5: B. Lewis, T. Neville, N. Williams, B. Akom, S. Delrio, A. Meyer, J. Lucas, B. Llaneza.



Angela Howsmon

Concert Band #1. Row 1: G. Corbin, E. Clark, D. Hodge, A. Cooper, T. Mancari, K. Taylor, S. Lewis, E. Wilson. Row 2: D. Eisenhaur, M. Fortune, J. Anderson, A. Evola. B. Zimmerman, S. Alkebu-lan, M. Mertz, L. Spillman. Row 3: M. Blaszak, J. Bedard, N. Barton, L. Wade, J Key, J. Starnes.



Angela Howsmon

Concert Band #2. Row 1: B. Osterbind, S. Tenke, D. Stephens, T. Simmons, L. Robertson, E. Scott, D. Ellis, A. Clark, L. Chappell. Row 2: A. Millard, C. Byers, J. Hawkins, R. Artus, K. Ferguson, D. Cobaugh, K. Banks, K. Dennis, A. Clarke, T. Pearson, S. Denoff, C. Lind. Row 3: E. Smith, J. Young, D. Meekins, S. Russo, T. Meisner, F. Barahona.

David Caldwel

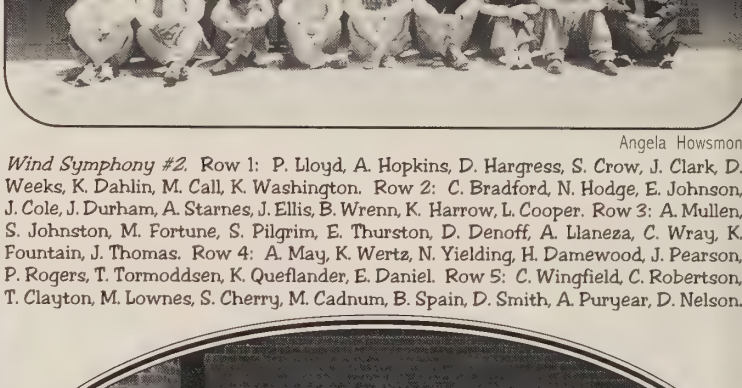
Colorguard. Row 1: C. Lucas, A. McLaurin, K. Polich Row 2: Ti. Garrison, Captain, Ta. Garrison, S. Pierce, Captain, S. George, E. Boyd, Captain, E. Peters, M. Haynie. Row 3: J. Pentecost, P. Baisey, C. Reed, J. Johns, Manager, C. Rao, Manager, L. Harrington, S. Dart, A. Cummings, S. Wright. Row 4: A. Rohr, Instructor, K. Schlussel, Sponsor.

Kris Hilscher

Jazz Ensemble. Row 1: M. Haskins, K. Beatman, S. Osterbind, V. Smith, G. Lamb, D Carroll, A. Sherman. Row 2: S. Ni, J. Johnson, D. Weeks, S. Kluttz, J. Vereen, E. Rakes B. Lewis. Not Pictured: A. Delozier.

Angela Howsmon

Wind Symphony #2. Row 1: P. Lloyd, A. Hopkins, D. Hargress, S. Crow, J. Clark, D. Weeks, K. Dahlin, M. Call, K. Washington. Row 2: C. Bradford, N. Hodge, E. Johnson, J. Cole, J. Durham, A. Starnes, J. Ellis, B. Wrenn, K. Harrow, L. Cooper. Row 3: A. Mullen, S. Johnston, M. Fortune, S. Pilgrim, E. Thurston, D. Denoff, A. Llaneza, C. Wray, K. Fountain, J. Thomas. Row 4: A. May, K. Wertz, N. Yielding, H. Damewood, J. Pearson, P. Rogers, T. Tormoddsen, K. Queflander, E. Daniel. Row 5: C. Wingfield, C. Robertson, T. Clayton, M. Lownes, S. Cherry, M. Cadnum, B. Spain, D. Smith, A. Puryear, D. Nelson.



Kris Hilscher

Percussion/Drumline. Row 1: A. Brown, W. Cary, A. Day, H. Issac, E. McHugh, M. Wilkes, C. Williams, B. Beck. Row 2: A. Grayberg, S. Jamison, G. Poulsen, C. Buchanan, J. Godwin, S. Wright, D. Fargason, J. Gash.

Pam Cobb

Leading the Way. Twirler Candice Cobb marches with the band at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds for county executives. "It's fun being in the spotlight and this time I didn't have to go to the emergency room!" said Candice. She has a reputation for frequently injuring herself at performances.

Stringing It Up. Freshman Ben Underwood practices a few songs during class before the spring concert. "I really enjoyed my first year with orchestra. It was exciting," said Ben.

Heather Hile

Unchained Melodies

By Heather Hile, Angela Lovett, and Kris Hilscher

Performance arts require the dedication and commitment of many students. Colorguard, marching band, and orchestra give students the opportunity to participate on an organized, competitive team. In order to be successful, these students must practice excessively at home and at school.

It all started two weeks before school opened when 180 members of the marching band attended band camp. With songs like "Robin Hood" and "The James Bond Theme," the marching band performed a superior field show. In addition, the marching band displayed their talent at the Ukrop's Jaycee Christmas Parade, a William & Mary football game, played the Chesterfield County Sesquiduplicentenial Parade, and they even recorded a compact disc. The concert band performed a show called "A Night at the Movies." Director Earl Shaffer said, "The highlight of the season was the 21st anniversary concert."

The 18 girls of colorguard added a little spice and style to the band. Colorguard placed 1st at a regional competition in Nottoway and received a superior rating at the state competition. Sponsor Kim Schlussel said, "It's been a very successful year, and they have accomplished a great deal. It has been a pleasure to work with such a wonderful group of ladies."

Creating gorgeous melodies, orchestra provided a different tune. There were 29 talented members of orchestra. The orchestra also had a separate quartet which included: Carrie Smith, violin; Melanie Marsh, violin; Tricia Wilson, viola; and Jennifer Holmes, cello. The quartet played at the Richmond Center Flower and Garden show, a church art auction, and a library opening. The orchestra attended a festival competition and received an excellent rating.

Performance arts students in these organizations deserve recognition for their dedication and determination. *See page 234 -235*

☞ *A Bracing Hold.* Junior Mike Stough and Senior Gretel Poulsen pose for a quick picture before Sudden Image's first show choir competition at Lee Davis High School. "This was Lee Davis's first show choir set ever, and our first of the year, so I didn't really know what to expect. Sudden Image ended up doing a lot better than I had expected. We've come a long way since then, and improved each time on stage. I am very proud to say that I am in this mixed group this year," said Gretel.

Lisa Viets

Forever a Family

By Kimberly Earles

When a student thinks of high school classes, usually English, Math, Science, and History come up first. However, other classes are offered which enable students to not only learn, but to participate in a close, family-like setting. One such program is the choral department.

A total of 138 students take one or more of the five chorus classes offered. "Being in three choruses this year has been very stressful but fun for me. The craziest times are during the winter and spring concerts, when I have to change my outfit three or more times in just a few minutes! said senior Kristin Clemens.

Out of the five, there are two show choirs, two jazz ensembles, and a concert choir. These enable students to learn many styles of music and dance.

Sudden Image, the mixed show choir, and Reflections, the girls' show choir, participated in numerous competitions, school performances, field trips, and productions throughout the school year.

Of course, it does take hard work to pull together these productions. All during the week, and even on weekends, practices were held in order to have the show perfected by the performance date.

Both show choirs participated in competitions held at Lee Davis* and E. C. Glass High Schools*, and a festival held at Manchester High School*. Sudden Image also sang at the baccalaureate held for all graduating seniors.

Madrigals, the mixed jazz ensemble, and Girls' Vocal Jazz, the girls' jazz ensemble participated in a festival held at Kecoughtan High School*. Madrigals also performed for the Daughters Of the American Revolution, the "Super Senior Prom" (for Senior Citizens) and for the Fine Arts Award Banquet*. They also held the second annual Yuletide Feast dinner.

All of the choruses were eligible to go on a field trip to New York over spring break. Fifty students and nineteen adults went on the three day trip which included tours of the Lincoln Center and the Rockefeller Center. They also visited the *Today Show*, the broadway shows *Footloose* and *Chicago*, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Hard Rock Cafe, and shopping on Fifth Avenue.

With every year that passes, a growing number of students become involved in the choral department.
(Refer to pages 234 - 235 for special award listings)

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Sudden Image Row 1: Kelly Hastings, Heather Lewis, Brandi Henry, Andy Tarantino, Carly Smith, Kristin Nilsen, Kim Cutler. Row 2: Patricia Moran, Heather Taylor, Devan Donaldson, Royal Robinson, Dustin Shifflet, Donnie Field, Justin Hastings, Heather Hile, Gretel Poulsen, Melissa King. Row 3: Lazette Woolridge, Taylor Robb, Alvin Bulanadi, Jason Stalls, Matt Butler, Eric Young, Mike Stowe, Brandy Wagenseller, Kimberly Earles. Row 4: Maria Starnes, Samantha Pierce, Chris Hannah, Steven Knight, Lisa Denton, Lisa Viets.

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Reflections Row1: Kim Cutler, Crystal Grivetti, Ashley Bales, Melissa King, Sarah Buckland, Jessica Wilson, Lauren Clark, Kimberly Earles, Melissa Murray. Row 2: Emily Skelton, Stephanie Cox, Danielle Roberts, Jodi Pentecost, Heather Taylor, Carly Kretzer, Jenny Skelton, Sherry Wright, Laurie Carver, Denisha Carter. Row 3: Katie Suttles, Stephanie Hill, Adrienne Jackson, Heather Hile, Cherie Andrews, Tara Garrison, Lindsey Jessup, Darci Webster, Kristin Clemens, Jessica Bradley. Row 4: Tenisha Oliver, Renee Osterbind, Erin Russell, Brittany Welch, Samantha Hewlett, Christina Lucas, Aimee Piacentini, Carrie Smith.

David Caldwell

Madrigals Row 1: Jamie Snyder, Gretel Poulsen, Jenny Skelton, Tory Watson, Jessica Hammer. Row 2: Carly Smith, Brandon Lewis, Matt Butler, Kristin Clemens, Tiffany Garrison. Row 3: Lisa Viets, John Holmes, Andy Tarantino, Dustin Shifflett. Not pictured: Kimberly Earles, Jason Stalls, Chris Brown, Nathan Spiers.

David Caldwell

Girls' Vocal Jazz Row 1: Esther Hill, Heather McCormack, Sarah Buckland, Melissa Murray, Maria Starnes, Margaret Furgerson. Row 2: Tami Thruman, Lindsay Denny, Kristina Nilsen, Kaci Cummings, Samantha Pierce. Row 3: Sarah Huff, Denisha Carter, Kristin Clemens, Melissa King, Lazette Woolridge. Row 4: Mona Ellis, Erin Russell, Kimberly Earles, Lisa Viets, Mia Bell.

Lisa Viets

Do a Little Dance. Heather Hile, Kimberly Earles, Brandy Wagenseller, and choreographer Tara Penick practicea new dance. "I loved working with Tara this year," said Heather.

Margaret Furgerson

Knighty Night. Junior Brandon Lewis and Sophomore Nathan Spiers dress as knights for the Madrigals' Yuletide Feast. "It was my second year performing in this, so I wasn't nervous at all," said Nathan.

David Caldwell

Concert Choir Row 1: Dominique Gilbert, Adam Ackerman, Deanna Beaujon. Row 2: Tamara Johnson, ChequanaBoisseau , Melody Williamson, Mary Liebgott, Melissa McGruder, Sarah Smith. Row 3: Jennifer Wilson, Amanda Willis, Pricilla Pursley. Not pictured: Tasha Brown, Jenny Cook, Len Cuttino, Josh Fers, Bryan Guill, Nichole Hake, Mary Hinson, Crystal Lashbrooks, Jessica Liebgott, Jennifer Morgan, Maria Pierce, Samantha Saville, Roxanna Ronquillo, Justin Poythress, Kisha Williams, Beth Emory, Ashley Graham, Angie Strang, Renae Eberle, Beth Henry.

Cheryl Guthmann

Yo Quiero Espanol. Joy Brandli and Kristina Nilsen created a commercial for candy and presented it in Spanish in front of classes. "It took a long time to make it, but it looks so cool. I had fun doing this project," said Kristina.

Margaret Hicks

Cover Girls. These ladies are prepared to win at the state Latin convention. "The vibe was good: everybody was real friendly," said senior Sherrell Branch.

Margaret Hicks

That's a Wrap. Matt Bedard, Brandon Morgan, Miss Slaughter, and Steven Boyd strike a pose while working on the Latin club's Homecoming float. "I had a really good time working on the float. The cool thing is that we have one of the largest Latin clubs in the nation," said Matt.

David Caldwell

German Club. Row 1: Mrs. Slosser, Sponsor, Sabrina Gregory, Robin Perdue, Melissa Lynch. Row 2: John Bedard, Jonathan King, Mrs. Slosser.

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French Club. Row 1: E. Hill, E. Young, A. Harris, M. Collins, A. Omara-Alwala. Row 2: A. Yancey, M. Sharpe, J. Terrell, K. Kandhai, J. Young, A. Poates, S. Omojokun, A. Horning, K. Polich, L. Fife. Row 3: P. Bruner, P. Edmunds, M. Cormier, J. Ellis, K. Flemming, A. Ash, J. Wisegarver, D. Irving, D. Nelson.

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Japanese Club. Row 1: T.J. Snelling, Brandon Marsh, Alissia Rushing, Mr. Green. Row 2: Yasuhiro Tshizuka, Michael Salotti, Bill Heyer, Billy Barrett. Row 3: Aaron Sanders.

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Spanish Club. Row 1: L. Viets, S. Verret, S. Osterbind, J. Snyder, K. Nilsen, E. Peters. Row 2: Mrs. Davenport, D. Smith, S. Collier, J. Ebertowski, M. Clor, V. Petway. Row 3: M. McClain, R. Retallick, J. Halbig, J. Elms, N. Wood, D. Harler, F. Rogers, S. Smith. Row 4: B. Gay, D. Crostic, S. Desai, Ms. Molina (not pictured).

Latin Club. Row 1: L. Chappell, D. Cobaugh, J. Godwin, A. Grayberg, G. Gohlke, A. Earley, A. Rachkovsky, S. Barrowclift, A. Evola, C. Wood. Row 2: B. Tolley, A. Clark, B. Phares, C. Andrews, B. Wrenn, W. Myers, Z. Young, B. Cannon, J. Barrowclift, H. Blackmon, C. Dixon, W. Baskerville, C. Walton. Row 3: Mrs. Hicks, S. Mills, S. Wright, E. Boyd, K. Hines, M. McEntyre, T. Nichols, M. Cole, B. Jacobs, T.J. Claytor, B. Wagenseller, D. Pearce, S. Kluttz, R. Perdue, P. Kennedy, C. Hume, M. Devine. Row 4: S. Perry, S. Smith, S. Lloyd, C. Lucas, C. Tucker, C. Bradford, L. Callery, K. Broughton, A. Matthews, A. Millard, Ms. Slaughter, Ms. Munro. Row 5: G. Capel, A. Starnes, C. Halison, M. Haynie, D. Ivey, P. Cassada, M. Angle, H. Hile, S. Collier, T. Lee, A. Jernell, S. Shepperson, M. Lynch, K. Fleming. Row 6: K. King, R. Inge, C. Crone, M. Fitzgerald, T. Watson, H. Darby, L. Vergne. Row 7: J. Ebertowski, B. Williamson, T. Marsh, D. Donaldson, D. Carter, M. Taylor, A. Omara-Alwala, K. Hilscher, S. Ray, W. Fleming.

David Caldwell

Foreign Objects

By Kenya Brown

Foreign languages allow students to learn about life by experiencing various cultures. The clubs for these languages not only provide a chance to get involved after school, but also a learning experience.

One club that has increased tremendously, with a membership of about 250 people, is the Latin club. Donna Pearce said that's what made her want to be president of the club. "I knew that I wanted to make an impact on the club," she said. Sponsor Mrs. Hicks said, "Our club works to help the students, because the activities we do relate to the things going on in class."

Ms. Molina and Mrs. Davenport gave the Spanish club a chance to experience Mexico through taking trips to El Paso and sponsoring a child through the Christian Children's fund named Lucas from Guatemala. "It feels good to know that our club is really helping people," said Martina McClain.

The German Club added a different flavor to their fund raisers by selling German chocolate. Sponsor Mrs. Slosser really enjoyed these fund raisers.

Mrs. Hathaway loved to spend time with the members of the French Club. "You get to interact with students in an informal setting where grades and subject matter is not important," she said. With over 30 members involved, the club gave more members a chance to participate in sponsoring a family for Christmas and having a scavenger hunt/crepe party. Secretary Allison Harris believes that the greatly increased membership is what has gotten them this far. Mrs. Hathaway agrees, "I wish to unite the members of the club and elect a strong leadership team so the club can do even more next year,"she said.

Mr. Green would like for the members of the Japanese club to see the Japanese as real people and not strange. "It's not a question of whether it's right or wrong, it's different," he said. Plans such as visiting the Asian Museum of Art, and attending the Japanese Cherry Blossom Parade, helped raise awareness.

All five of these languages may be different, but together they combine students who are truly interested in the lives of other cultures.

Kris McNew

Mo'Money. Senior Chrissy Poythress, junior Kristina Nilsen, and senior Kelly Hastings, count change for the Pennies from Heaven drive. Sponsored by the Key Club, the program was a huge success. "It was exciting to see our school come together. It took a productive group effort, and the Key Club is proud of everyone who participated," said Kelly.

Key to the Past

By Kris McNew

Renaissance is in charge of planning and organizing all of the academic pep rallies. In addition to the pep rallies, Renaissance also sponsored the gold, silver and blue academic credit cards for all students who made honor roll. It holds fund raisers to support the price of all the school events they sponsor. Their main activity for raising money is the Renaissance Run. The run took place in October and was open for both students' and teachers' participation.

Mrs. Allen, the Renaissance sponsor said, "This program gives tangible rewards to students and teachers for extra effort." The group included no officers but did have 20-25 members.

Renaissance helps the school and community, but this group does not stand alone in doing so. Another group which is community oriented is the Key Club.

The Key Club planned coat, food, and blood drives, along with other community service projects, such as visiting Lucy Corr Nursing Home, and aiding in the Special Olympics.

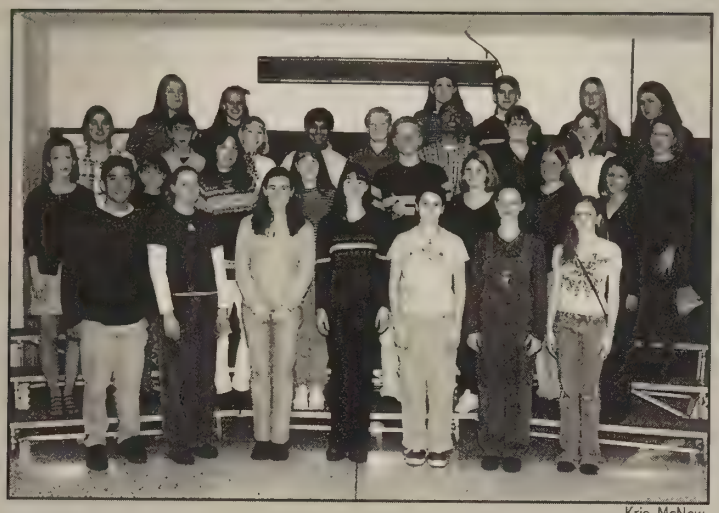
One of their biggest activities was the Pennies from Heaven drive. In this program a bag was placed in every classroom, in which teachers and students were encouraged to donate money. The class with the most money won a prize of breakfast in their first period class. All of the money collected went to the Make-A-Wish foundation, which helps terminally ill children gain their final wishes. The program collected over $1200 in the time period of a month.

Ninety-eight students registered to participate in the blood drive held in March. Out of those students, twenty-eight were turned away because of the medication they were taking, tattoos, body piercings, or a low iron count. The blood drive collected seventy-five pints of blood this year.

Senior Meagan Stephenson commented that overall, "The Key Club is really great because it gives us a chance to have fun and help others at the same time."

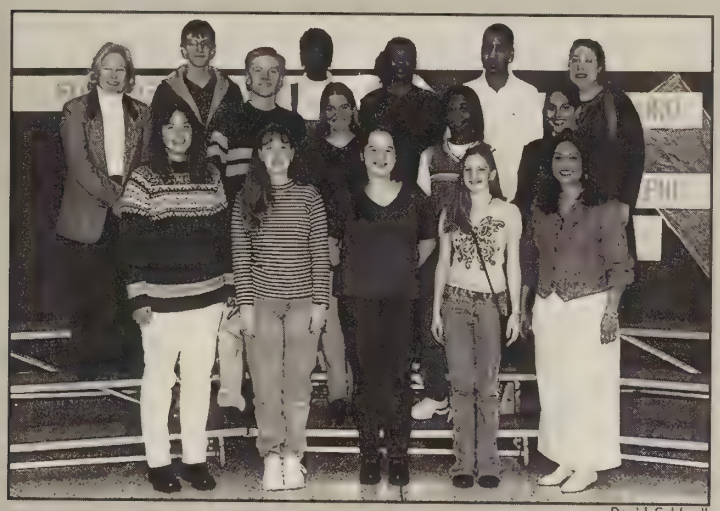
The Key Club included 25-30 members. The officers were President Chrissy Poythress,Vice President Moona Em, Secretary Kelly Hastings, and Treasurer Lindsay Nester.

The History Club started later this year than in the past, due to a shortage of sponsors. At the beginning of the second semester, Mr. McCullough became the new sponsor. The club has managed, however, to do a better job of involving and informing the school. The club planned on getting more involved in all aspects of social science activities than they have previously.



Kris McNew

Key Club. Row 1: J. Ebertowski, A. Gill, S. Lichvar, C. Ross, L. Nester, C. Poythress, K. Nilsen. Row 2: A. Starnes, D. Irving, J. Searle, N. Owen, V. Smith, M. Stephenson, V. Petway, K. Graves. Row 3: A. Horning, P. Edmonds,, S. Wade, S. Desai,, D. Smith, J. Kandhai, J. Robertson, S. Shepperson, H. Darby. Row 4: A. Harris, J. Elms, K. Hume, M. Bedard, C Randall. C. Hume.

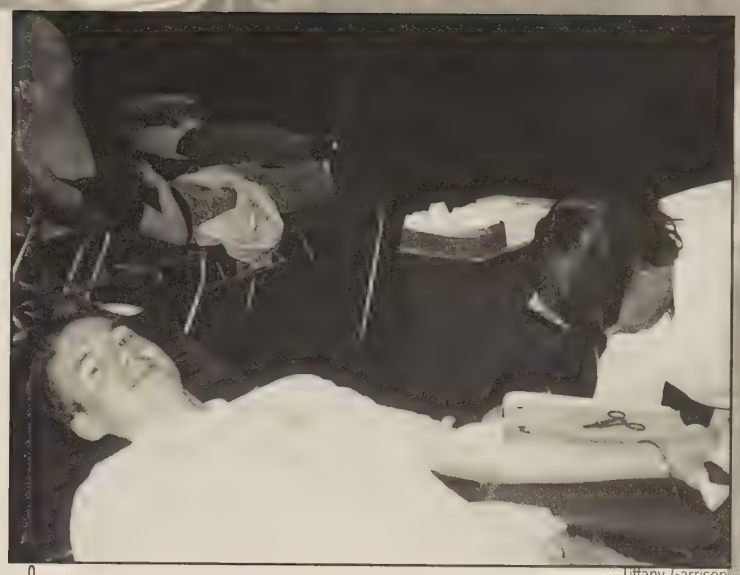


David Caldwell

Renaissance. Row 1: Jennifer Searle, Nicole Owen, Esther Hill, Kristina Nilsen, Mrs. Wyatt, Sponsor. Row 2: Ms. Smith, Sponsor, Van Smith, Valerie Petway, Karey Fleming, Mrs. Brown, Sponsor. Row 3: Eric Young, Atima Omara-Alwala, Robin Jones, William Fleming, Mrs. Allen, Sponsor.

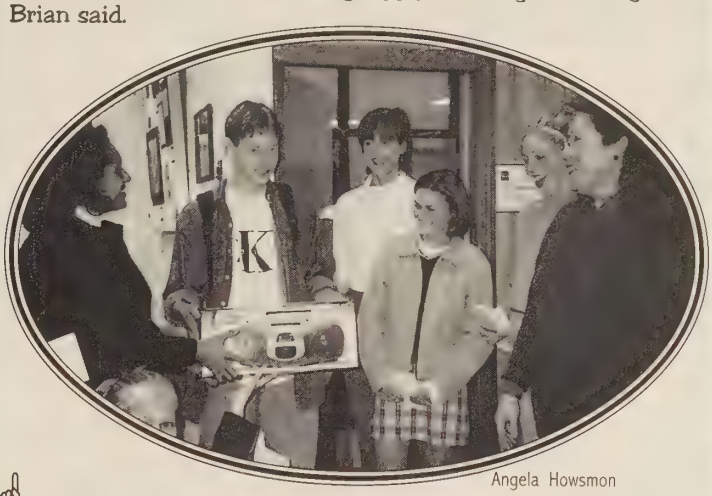
Kris McNew

History Club. Row 1: Heather Darby, Philip Bruner, Lisa Viets, Sara Verret, Tara Garrison. Row 2: Patrick Edmunds, Allison Harris, Sara George, Kelly Beatman, Kimberly Earles, Matthew Jones, Mr. McCullough, Sponsor. Not pictured: David Smith.



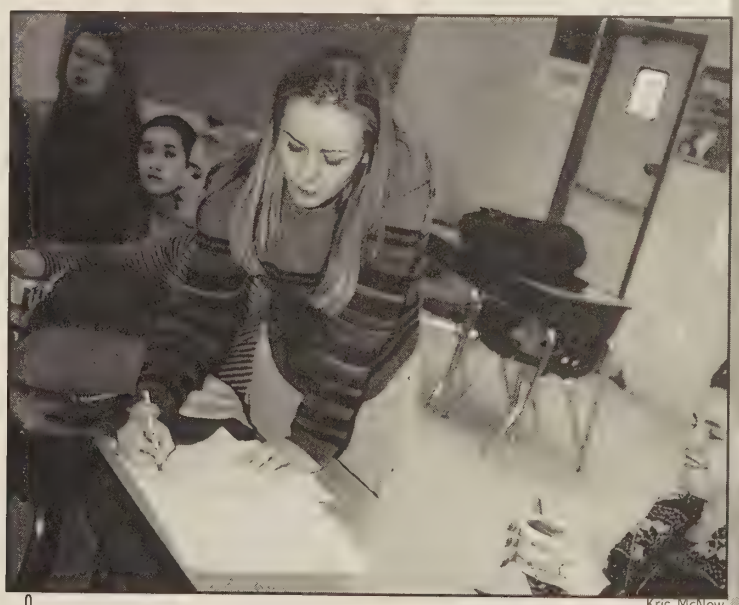
Tiffany Garrison

You've Got the Right Stuff Baby. Senior Brian Ross, grimaces, as he gave up a pint of blood to save three lives. "Before they poked me they told me to think of something happy, so I thought of Becky Ebert," Brian said.



Angela Howsmon

Run, Forrest. Run. Sophomore Nathaniel Yielding runs for something more precious than the CD player he won after the Renaissance Run. "I run for Jesus," Nathaniel said.



Kris McNew

Roll Call. Sophomore Tara Garrison takes roll for the History Club. "I enjoy the club because we are able to interact with the community and learn more about other cultures," she said.

David Caldwell

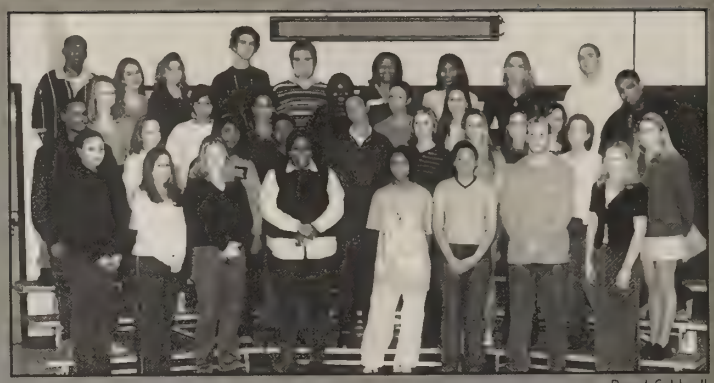
FBLA. Row 1: Amanda Walters, Carrie McCormick, Chris Panchyshyn, Matt Pullano, Glenn Gohlke, Lesley Bare, Lashi Carroll-Jones, Tiffany Waller, Ashley Carey, Sarah Buckland, Jennifer Searle. Row 2: Anna Turton, Brian Phares, Alessandra Evola, Charity Wood, Lindsey Halbert, Jamie Snyder, Candice Cobb, Lakisha Page, Eryn Peters, Erin Ferguson, Meghan Irby, Mrs. Roper, Sponsor. Row 3: Dana Harler, Sabrina Gregory, Mandy Devine, Adam Jones, Martina McClain, Nicole Owen, Shelly Lichvar, Bill Heyer, Chris Brown, Beth Tolley, Lashonda Brown, Shontrese Smith, Jermaine Brown. Row 4: Dorothy Pendleton, Pratik Prasai, Jessica Ellis, Jasmine Lewis, Crystal Hume, Kelly King, Ketkiban Patel, John King, Leia Vergne, Rachel Retallick, Aaron Sanders. Row 5: Daniel Gohlke, Stephanie Reid, Brandi Taylor, Chamara McCray, Karey Fleming, Alissia Rushing, Carman Gold, Jennifer Lucas, Christina Randall, Julie McLean, Brian Gay, TJ Snelling.

Donna Mynes

Special Donations. SCA raised money through the Battle of the Bands for Special Olympics. The money was presented by SCA rep Shelly Lichvar, and Dean Weeks, a member of the winning band. "It was a privilege to meet county administrators," said Shelly.

David Caldwell

SCA. Row 1: Nicole Weaver, Brandy Wagenseller, Carman Gold, Cortney Puster, Aimee Piacentini. Row 2: Julie Durham, Dolores Shurland, Alexis Jones, Jennifer Searle, Nicole Owen, T.J. Claytor, Shannon Rogers, Christina Hargraves, Daisy Duncan, Deanna Beaujon, Robin Perdue, Melissa Lynch, Ms. Mynes, Meghan Irby, Beth Tolley. Row 3. Adia Parham, Annie Gill, Lindsey Callery, Shelly Lichvar, Stacie Kibiloski, AndreaYancey, Kim Cutler , Tory Watson, David Smith, Kristina Nilsen, Cynthia Walton. Row 4: Michelle Taylor, Katy Brightly, Jenny Robertson, Cameron Dixon, Monique McBride, Van Smith, Stacey Kluttz, Jaime Wisegarver, Valerie Petway, Leia Vergne, Rachel Retallick, Row 5: Robert Criner, Chris Torrence, Wes Baskerville, Mark McGruder, Denisha Carter, Esther Hill, Jennifer Terrill, Candice Cobb, Heather Darby, Chris Edwards, Brian Gay.



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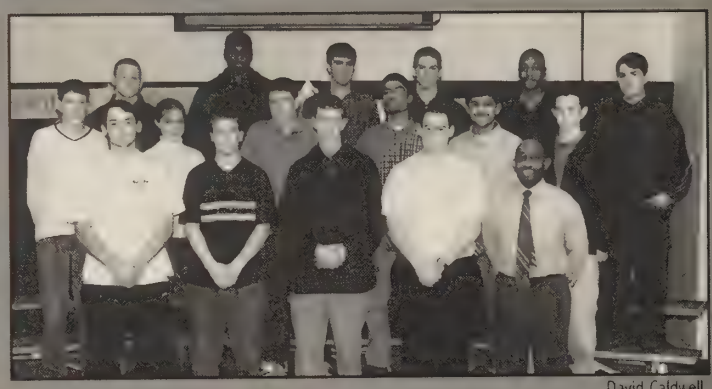
DECA: Row 1: C. Clark, A. Herald, A. Porter, V. Parker, D. Evans, A. Yancey, C. Panchyshyn, L. Bare. Row 2: D. Hayes, M. Murphy, M. McClain, M. Bush, T. Jiggetts, H. McCormack, C. McCormick, M. Theis, M. Cole, L. Halbert. Row 3: T. Finley, T. Smith, T. Williams, C. Cottrell, B. Taylor, B. Leatherwood, A. Jernell, J. Robertson. Row 4: C. Richards, L. Denny, T. Truman, S. Guittar, D. Bradley, D. Carter, J. Lewis, J. Worsham, N. Webster

Kris Hilscher

Web Design and Amateur Radio. Row 1: Mr. McLaughlin, Sponsor, Joseph Talaiver, Stanley Glomb. Row 2: John Thomas, Sanket Desai, David Smith, David Thompson, Ryan Jarrard, Eric Young, Joel Erb. Not pictured: Peggy Wood (co-sponsor).



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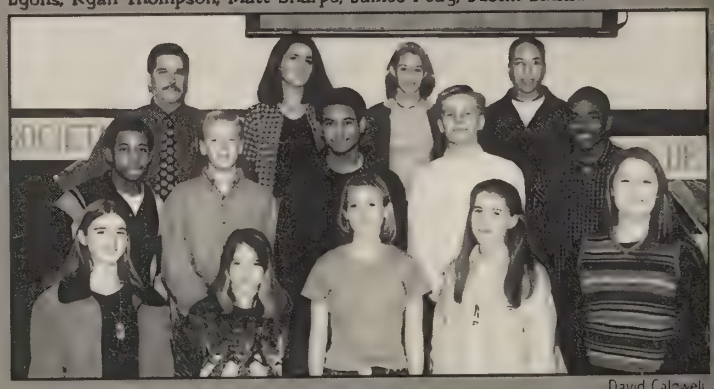
TSA. Row 1: Jamie Whitlow, Eric Eichenlaub, Brandon Williamson, John Thomas, Mr. McLaughlin, Sponsor. Row 2: Steven Lloyd, Sarah Davis, John Primm, Pratik Prasai, Sanket Desai, David Thompson. Row 3: Jon Little, Kevin Lyons, Ryan Thompson, Matt Sharpe, James Peay, Justin Smith.



David Caldwell

Truthseekers. Row 1: Sarah Russo, Amber Saferight, Ashley Starnes, Heather Darby, Allison Harris. Row 2: Jeric Murphy, David Smith, Jonathan Banks, Van Smith, Tim Neville. Row 3: Mr. Motley, Sponsor, Crystal Hume, Sherry Wright, Erin Burkett.

Jerry McLaughlin

Hello...Is Anybody Out There? John Thomas, with the aid of a radio expert, conversed with people in several Spanish speaking countries. "Radio is something my dad and I do around the house. We brought it in to promote the club," said John.

A Mega Bite of Technology

By Kim Skora

FBLA, DECA, Truthseekers, Amateur Radio, TSA, SCA, and the Web Page Club supported students' efforts to obtain creativity.

"The SCA is a fun activity anyone can join, if you want to help the school," said Ms. Mynes. The SCA held fund-raisers, such as canned food drives and helped the needy by sponsoring the "Christmas Mother." Some money was raised and given to the Special Olympics.

The Web Page Club, sponsored by Mr. McLaughlin, consisted of seven members and met every Tuesday in Room 328. They created web pages for each department, club, and sport; then hosted them on the school server. The address to the site was http://Chesterfield.k12.va.us/schools/Bird_HS/.

During the Christmas season, Amateur Radio, also sponsored by Mr. McLaughlin, helped Spanish classes communicate with different countries over the radio. "It was a great experience. It gave us a chance to actually hear what a native Spanish-speaker's accent sounds like," said junior Stacy Kennedy, a student in Mrs. Neale's Spanish 4 class.

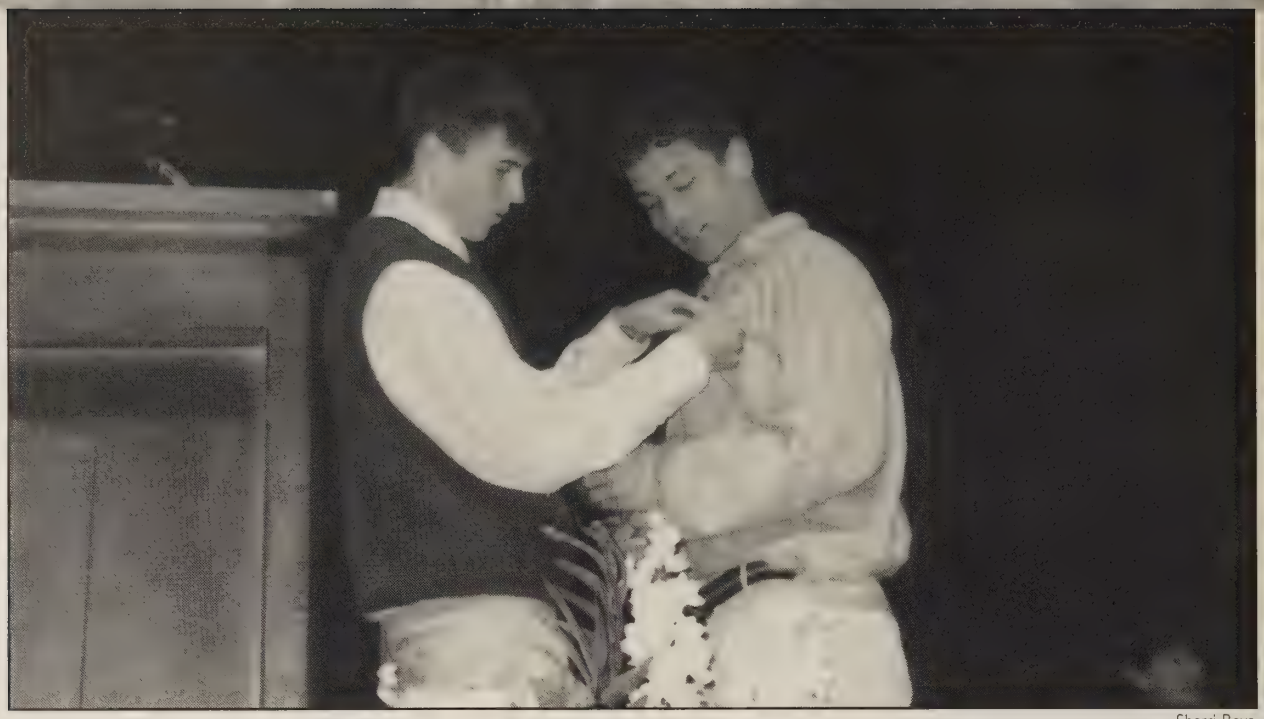
The Technology Student Association(TSA) was another club sponsored by Mr. McLaughlin. There were over 30 competitive events offered to members. One of their many competitions was the architectural model contest. A team of 2-5 students worked to solve a design program. Members were interviewed by judges about the design solution. A few other TSA competitions included: engineering graphic analysis, structural engineering, and technology problem solving.

The Future Business Leaders of America(FBLA) went on a field trip to Disney World where they attended team building, career planning, and networking seminars, and competitions. Seven people from FBLA placed in the regional competition, three of which went on to the state competition. In regionals, Carman Gold earned third place in the machine transcription. "I look forward to doing it [FBLA] again next year," said Carman.

The Truthseekers held activities including prayer at the pole near the faculty parking lot once a week and visiting nursing homes to help the elderly. "The things we do make me feel good, and it's a good experience to help others," said junior Ashley Starnes.

The fashion marketing club, better known as DECA, was sponsored by Mr. Langford. They visited the Pentagon City mall in Washington for a hands on experience with advertising and merchandising.

After school clubs provide a creative outlet for students which can be difficult to obtain during normal school hours.



Don't Hurt Me. Senior member Tim Marsh pins junior Jimmy Ebertowski during the National Honor Society tapping. "I'm really glad that he didn't stab me!" Jimmy said. He added, "I was really excited; it was a complete honor."

Sherri Bova

Skyhawks With Honors

By Dara Boggs

Honor societies are for students who excel in their classes and who are willing to make the extra effort.

Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society, consisted of 35 members and was sponsored by Mrs. Donley and Mrs. Kusterbeck. Students had to maintain a B in all semesters of math, as well as having strong character and teacher recommendations. Their main project was the tutoring room, where each member spent an hour after school, once a month to tutor.

El Siglo de Oro consisted of diecisiete (17) members. El Siglo de Oro refers to the time period in which Spain greatly influenced the world, and it translates to The Golden Age. In order to be inducted into the honor society, students must, at the time of inductions, be in the tenth grade or higher and maintain mostly A's in Spanish class. Each member of El Siglo de Oro showed great enthusiasm for the language. After being inducted, Brandon Gibson said, "Was I nervous? No, I was thrilled, and the surprise only added to the thrill."

Les Immortels had only five members and was sponsored by Mrs. Harvey. The requirements to get into the French honor society were to maintain an A for three semesters of French, a B in all other classes, and to complete of three years of French. Sophomore Danielle Irving said, "We deserved the recognition because we worked really hard."

The Japanese Honor Society also had five members and was sponsored by Mr. Green. The requirements to get into the Japanese Honor Society were to be in Japanese 3, to have a B+ average in Japanese and to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Societas Honoraria Latina consisted of 35 members. Induction mandates either three years of Latin with A's or four/five years of A's and B's in addition to recommendations from all teachers. The Latin Honor Society's project was to sell brochures in order to sponsor scholarships for outstanding students.

The National Junior Honor Society was sponsored by Mr. Hockmuth. Inductions required a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and teacher recommendations. The National Junior Honor Society initiations begin in seventh grade and run through tenth grade. In their junior year, members are eligible for the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization highlighting a students' entire academic achievement. The requirements of this society were to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and teacher recommendations. The NHS was sponsored by Mrs. Pennie Paquette. There was a total of 50 members, 27 being new inductees. When Jeff Halbig was inducted, he said, laughing, "I was honored, but I also expected it because I'm a good student."

Honor societies are for people willing to go the extra mile; therefore, members deserve much recognition.

Kris Hilscher

Spanish Honor Society. Row 1: S. Ni, J. Snyder, Z. Mudiwa, J. Halbig, J. Wynn. Row 2: K. Nilsen, P. Roye, E. Hill, C. Ross, S. Pierce, K. King, S. Osterbind, B. Gibson, W. Ogle, P. Bridge, M. Heermann, T. Robb. Not pictured: Sara Verret.

Angela Howsmon

Latin Honor Society. Row 1: S. Boyd, A. Starnes, M. Fitzgerald, J. Anderson. Row 2: J. Wagner, J. Davis, M. Cole, D. Pearce, B. Kendall, J. Annecchini, H. Blackmon, D. Howell, B. Jacobs, B. Wagenseller, E. Boyd, A. Thomas, M. Stephenson, N. Weaver, M. Em, S. Collier, S. McAnelly. Row 3: M. Talley, C. Bradford, C. Crockett, G. Smith, S. Shepperson, M. Devine, K. Hilscher, A. Matthews, P. Cassada, B. Ross.

Kris Hilscher

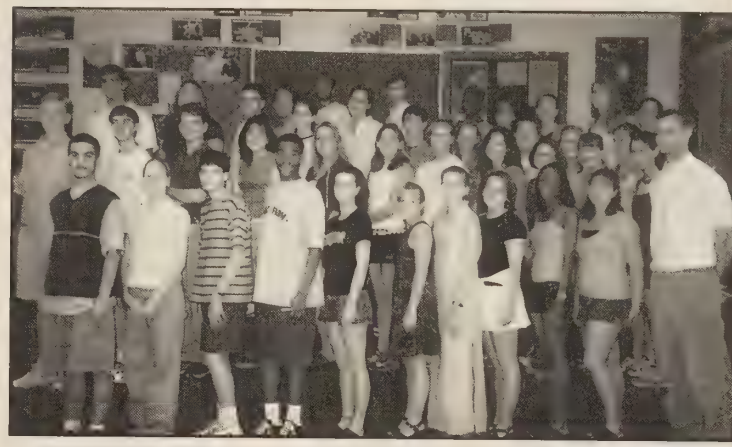
Japanese Honor Society. Row 1: Bill Heyer, Casey Seymour, Katy Brightly, T.J. Snelling, Justin Marshall.

Kris Hilscher

French Honor Society. Row 1: Danielle Irving, Jamie Wisegarver, Esther Hill, Jessica Ellis, Patrick Edmunds.

David Caldwel

National Honor Society. Row 1: T. Lee. J. Halbig, A. Gill. Row 2: C. Poythress, M. Stephenson, S. Shepperson, J. Ebertowski, B. Wagenseller, K. Nilsen, H. Hile, J. Snyder, S. Kennedy, A. Lovett, S. Wright, E. Hill. Row 3: P. Cassada, C. Bradford, M. Cole, A. Thomas, S. Kibiloski, N. Weaver, S. Collier, K. Rousell, D. Boggs, B. Cannon, L. Viets. Row 4: T. Marsh, K. Brightly, A. Grayberg, D. Pearce, A. Yancey, S. Osterbind, B. Jacobs, A. Matthews, H. Blackmon, E. Boyd, M. Sharpe, J. Terrill. Row 5: K. King, B. Williamson, L. Callery, A. Starnes, M. McHugh, B. Ross, K. Broughton, V. Smith, E. Young, C. Randall, M. Fitzgerald, W. Ogle.



Junior National Honor Society. First Row 1: Jason Haggard, Erin Johnson, Matthew Wiggins, Devan Donaldson, Lee Ann Schmidt, Jamie Seymore, Heather Darby, Tory Watson, Brandy Wrenn, Shannon Cherry. Row 2: David Smith, Mike Cormier, Michael Clor, Mandy Devine, Ellie Thurston, Kelly Brinson, Jaime Wisegarver, Patrick Edmunds, Johnna Elms, Leia Vergne, Angela Bier, Allison Harris, Rachel Westra, Tara Garrison, Danielle Benz, Valerie Petway, Erin Hill, Jonathan Hawkins . Row 3: Ryan Thompson, Amy Horning, Nicole Scott, Lavar Carter, Kori Harrow, Shola Omojokun, Kristen Polich, Rachel Retallick, Candice Krattiger.

Angela Lovett

Mu Alpha Theta. Row 1: Brandy Wagenseller, Elise Boyd, Zakiya Mudiwa, Paola Valencia, Sophia Ni, Jamie Snyder, Esther Hill, Jessica Wynn. Row 2: Cortney Bradford, Matt Sharpe, Heather Blackmon, Chelsey Coulter, Kristin Broughton, Jimmy Ebertowski, Nicole Weaver, Putra Bridge. Row 3: Matt Fitzgerald, Shane Osterbind, Matt McHugh, Brian Ross, Jeff Halbig, Christina Randall, Tim Marsh, Ashley Matthews, Samantha Pierce.

David Caldwell

☞*Soaring High.* Sophomore Jack Haddix goes in for a finger roll. "Basketball helps me deal with a lot of different situations," said Haddix. ☞*Going the Distance.* Senior Matthew Lloyd finishes a long run. "I really enjoy playing sports because they make the school year go by more quickly," said Lloyd.

David Caldwell

Along with after school organizations, sports are provided as an outlet for students from the stressful academic classes during the day. While varsity sports offer opportunities to all grade levels, freshman and JV sports give younger students experience and a chance to be involved. Being in high school sports allows 'the spirit to hold on' to all who take part in them.

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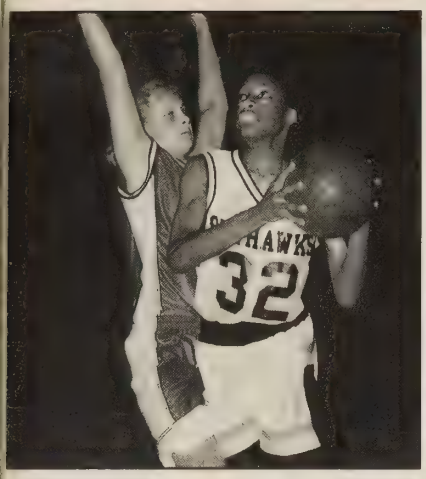
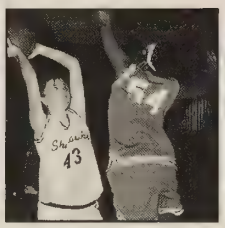
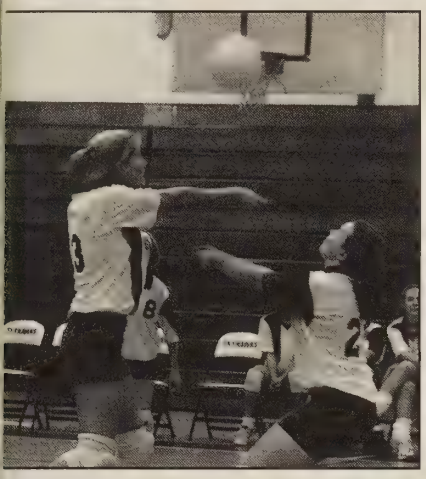
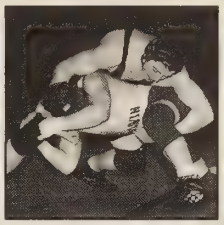
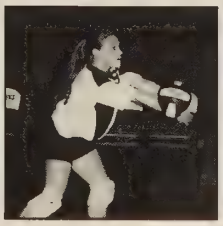
The Spirit Holds On



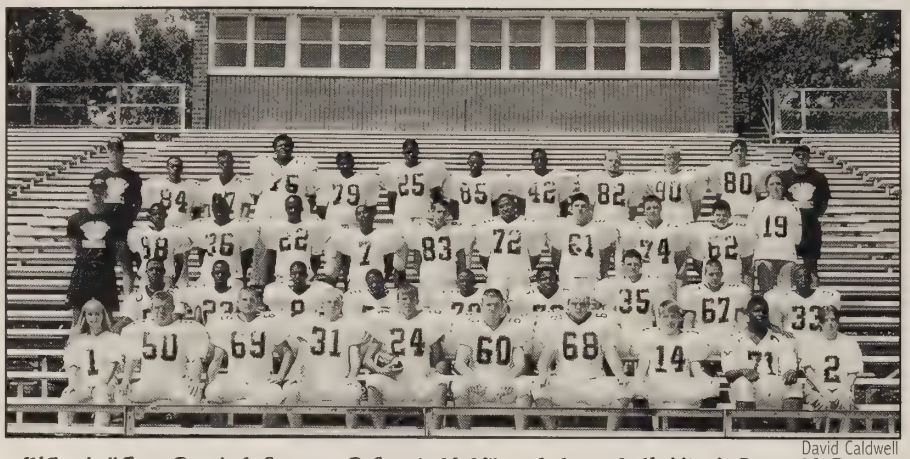




Pictured from top left:Tiffany West• Raegan St. Denis• Jessica Hammer• Jessica Ellis• Cortney Puster• Melissa Thurston, Angie Moore• Michelle Taylor• Lauren Sobrito, Tina Miller, Lesley Bare, Samantha Hewlett, Brittany Welch, Adair Honaker, Erica Garton, Danielle Benz, Latisha Jones, Misty Waytes, Brandy Wrenn, Dale Ivey, Melissa Murray, Keisha Gilliam, Morgan Taylor•Jeremy Senn•Ashley Brandl, Stephanie Cox•Mark Bybee•Eric Oliver• Brad Williamson• Chase Dubay• Rodney Remacle• Shelby Ray•Anna Turton•Brandi Henry•Ron Waller

JV Season Record
(Bird Scores Shown First)

Petersburg 14-0
Meadowbrook 41-14
Thomas Dale 26-7
James River 22-0
Clover Hill 38-0
George Wythe 27-14
Huguenot 26-6
Midlothian 26-20
Manchester 31-0
Monacan 54-14



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JV Football Team Row 1: J. Seymour, R. Crostic, M. Milton, J. Jones, J. Haddix, A. Payne, M. Berry, R. Edenstrom. K. Lyons, E. Hagen. Row 2: R. Howard, J. Ogunbunmi, S. Brown, A. Knight, J. Goode, D. Baugh, T. Martin, D. Gohlke, A. Townes. Row 3: S. Sink, A. Smith, M. West, W. Haskins, J. Castro, A. Pathon, K. Werts, M. Bybee, R. Orfield, B. Phares, G. Lewis. Row 4: S. Journigam, C. Brown, A. Brown, A. Tucker, B. Wright, B. Judkins, S. Hobbs, J. Snelling, C. Prevetter, N. Spiers, J. Godwin, S. Walton

The Midas Touch

With fresh faces and fresh outlooks the freshman and JV teams tried to uphold the legacy of teams before. The JV team had an undefeated season, with their final record 10-0. Their winning streak can be credited to "hard work and unity," according to Rusty Crostic.

Pre-game rituals and traditions helped the players to focus during the games. "I ate a #4 at Burger King before each game," said Logan Vaden. Before running out on the field the players said a team prayer. This routine helped the JV players to stay undefeated.

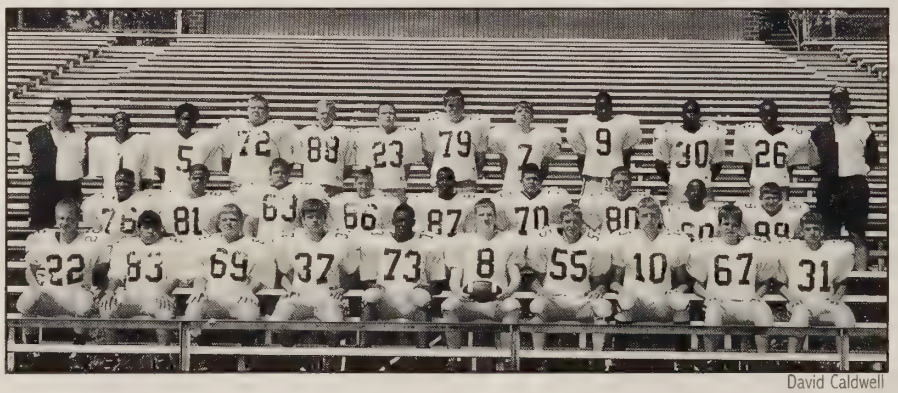
JV player Jack Haddix said, "One of the differences in this year's games was that we had more shut-outs than last year," Huguenot was not an exception. "The tension was high. They talked a lot of trash , but we still came out on top," said Armond Brown.

"A wise man once said, 'If you don't win the first game, you can't go undefeated," said Frankie Chalkley. These are words to live by in the coming years. Keeping these words to live by in mind, the legacy just may continue.

☞ *Breal Through* Sophomore William Jackson rushes through the mob o players. "H was tough but I got through it," said William

Freshman Season Record
(Bird Scores Shown First)

Powhatan 12-8
Thomas Dale 14-0
James River 0-7
Clover Hill 14-0
Godwin 20-8
Petersburg 18-0
Midlothian 8-15
Manchester 14-0
Monacan 18-19



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Freshman Football Team Row 1:R. Mayberry, F. Hernandaz, V. Grubb, L. Vaden, A. Bodioko, T. Zaremba, B. Kasky, J. Farlow, M. Phillips, W. Taylor. Row 2: R. Williams, J. King, J. Anderson, A. Ashe, C. Bargus, J. Fortner, S. Brooil, B. Niemaseck. Row 3: Coach J. Crostic, M. Elder, E. Clay, B. Smith, F. Rogers, J. Howkins, B. Martin, T. Wallo, T. Brown, F. Long, J. Rhodes, Coach M. Murrell.

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Clear the Path. Freshman Andrew Townes waits for his teammates to clear his way. "I was waiting for a hole to rush through," said Townes.

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Run Jacob Run. Sophomore Jacob Parson peeks over his shoulder as he hears the rumble of the team behind him. "I thought they were going to attack me so I just ran," said Parson.

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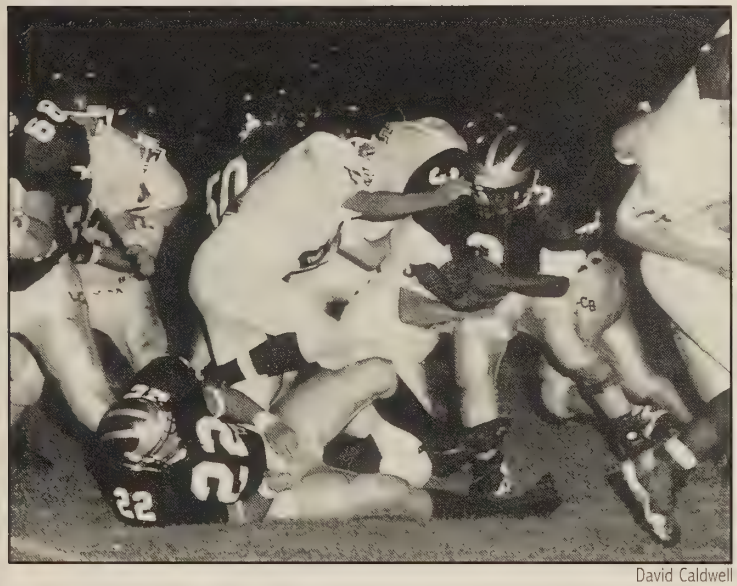
Coming Through like a Freight Train. Sophomore Jacob Jones' block sets up Andrew Townes' touchdown to make a touchdown. "We had a lot of fun defending each other on the field," said Jones.



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Betcha Can't Catch Me. William Jackson fakes an opponent while he runs for the touchdown. "Try and be the best at everything you do," said Jackson.

By Andrea Yancey, Angela Spade, and Candice Cobb

The Heat is On.. Sophomore Ryan Waller makes the tackle to bring an end to Wythe's attempt at scoring. "This year was a dream come true because I got to play varsity," said Waller.

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Coming Through. Junior T.J. Snelling breaks through the defensive line. I only had one thing on my mind: "TOUCHDOWN!!" said Snelling.

By Andrea Yancey, Angela Spade, and Candice Cobb

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Going for the Goal. Dodging his opponents, William Jackson sprints down the field. "Moving up to varsity was a big accomplishment for me," said Jackson.

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Lending a helping hand. Junior Erik Jones leaps on the pile to help his fellow teammates. "As the season went on our team's unity increased," said Jones.

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Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Garfield 7-22

Meadowbrook 20-13

Thomas Dale 7-24

James River 35-22

Clover Hill 17-7

George Wythe 34-7

Huguenot 14-32

Midlothian 27-7

Manchester 38-21

Monacan 14-51

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Varsity Football Row 1: Jermain Judson, David Bayford, Alvin Bulanadi, Louis Pleasant, Cam Harler, William Jackson, Jeric Murphy, Brian Cannon, Jermain Brown, Dusty Crostic,.Row 2: Emily Murrell, Jeremy Senn, Brian Burnette, Aaron Starnes, Patrick Fleming, D.J. Enright, Derrick Griner, Daniel Green, Shomari Twyman, Nate Hardin, Lindsay Spencer, Erin Riley,. Row 3: Coach Paquette, Jon Little, Coach Watters, Jerry Robertson, Troy Vaden, Bryan Spain, Brian Bier, Jason Francisco, Ryan Waller, Ron Waller, Coach Bland, Coach Fisher. Row 4: Duane Whirley, Glenn Gohlke, Ricky Gilliam.

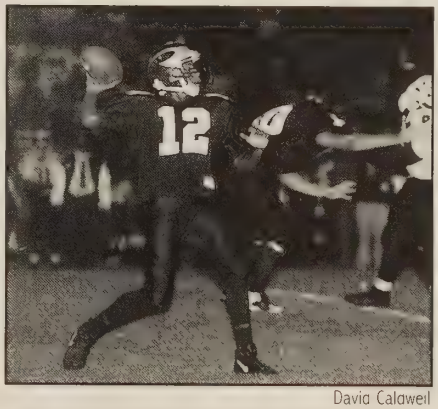
Friday Night Frenzy

Marking the start of a new school year is the traditional Friday night football game. Fans of the game, as well as those just anxious to socialize, flood the stadium to cheer their team on.

With a winning season of 6-4, Skyhawk fans were treated to much excitement on the field. While many games were memorable, the Clover Hill game stands out as the most notable in junior Dusty Crostic's mind. "Everyone was picking us to lose, but we blew them away," said Crostic.
The season's memories stand out in more ways than one. Junior Jermaine Brown remembers when "Dennis Bradley wore a thong in the locker room." Others agreed that this was certainly the funniest moment of the season.

The players had a variety of rituals which brought them luck. Senior Brian Bier explained that each of the players would "touch the wooden skyhawk" in order to bring them luck before each game. Others had traditional pre-game meals, such as senior Troy Vaden, who always had a #9 from Burger King before games.

Whether long-standing traditions or just personal preferences, pre-game rituals add to the excitement of the Friday night frenzy.



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Going Long. Varsity newcomer Ron Waller checks the field for the right pass. "I was looking for my open man," commented Waller.

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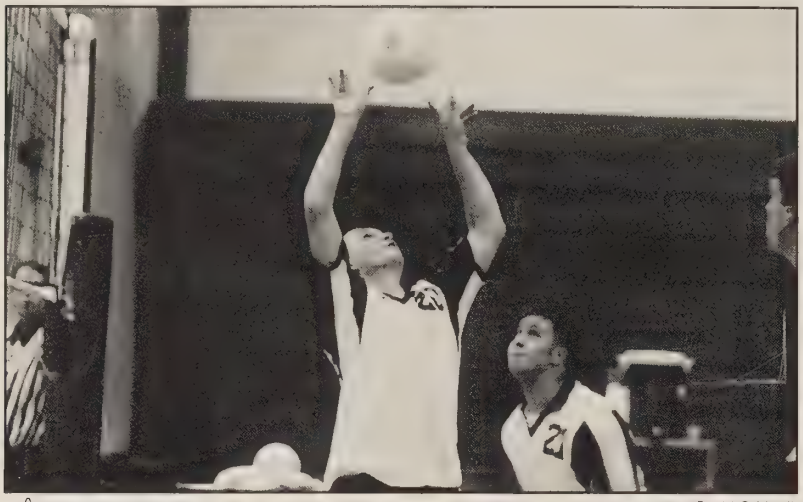
Push 'em Back. Junior Jerry Robertson defends the ball. "There wasn't too much I could think about but to move and think fast," said Robertson.

Perfect Timing. Senior Josh Barrowclift hits the ball over with power. Barrowclift said, "All I have to say is that blocker has nothing on me."



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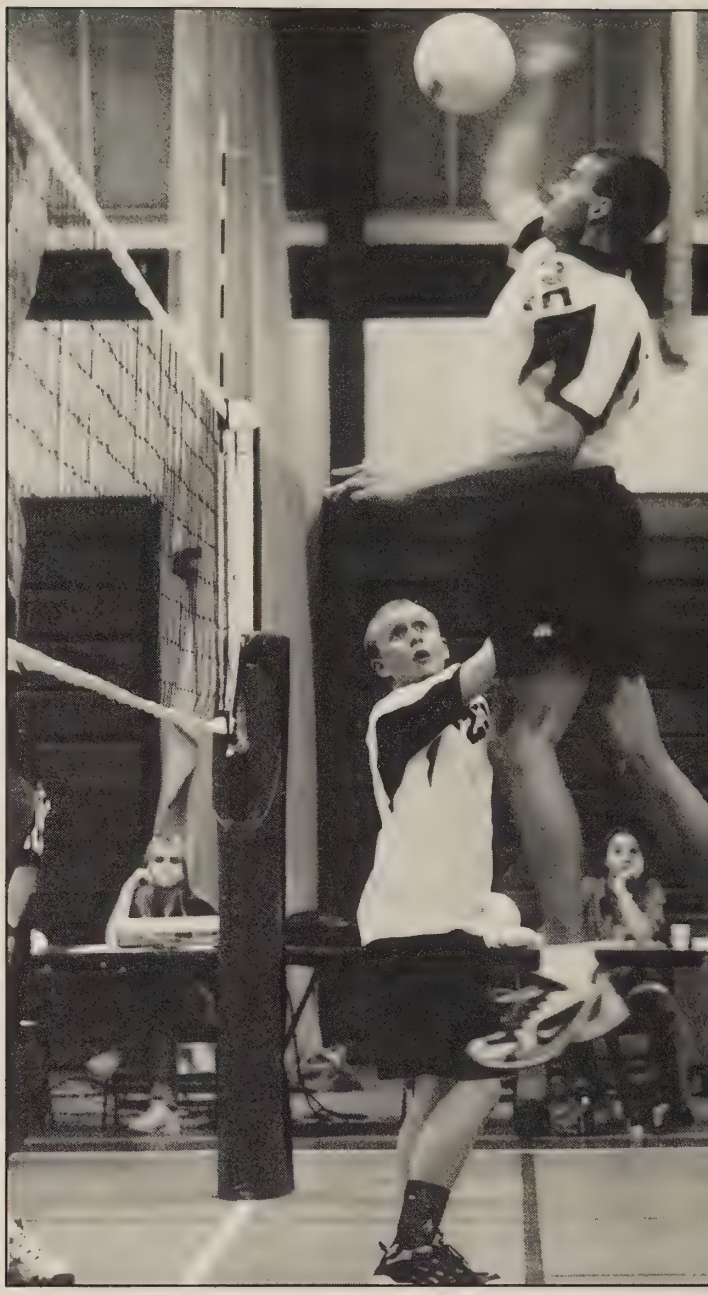
Aim for the Sky. Junior Adam Grayberg sets Andy Vojtecky in the game. Grayberg said, "I'm always ready to set Andy, who I know will crush the ball down."



Mad Concentration. Freshman Eric Oliver positions himself for the ball. Oliver said, "During practice we had fun but at game time we focused."

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By Annalisa Volo and Katherine Prugh

J.V. Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Midlothian	2-1(W)	0-2(L)
Clover Hill	1-2(L)	1-2(L)
Thomas Dale	0-2(L)	0-2(L)
James River	2-1(W)	0-2(L)
Manchester	2-1(W)	0-2(L)
Monacan	2-0(W)	2-1(W)

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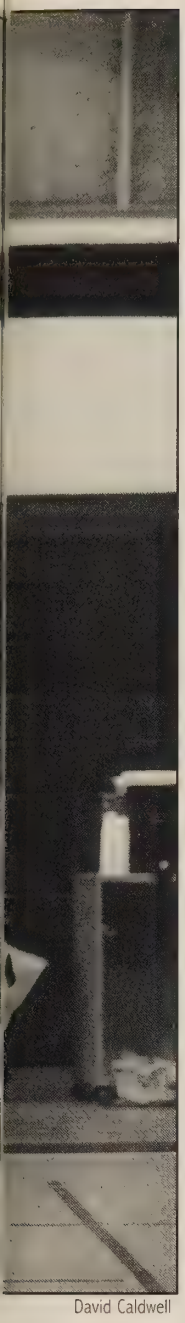
Boys' JV Volleyball: Row 1: Eric Oliver, James Peay. Row 2: Coach Hockmuth, Stephen Barrowclift, Sanket Desai, Jason Haggard, Brandon Yandle, Nathan Petersen.



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Varsity Season Record
(Bird's scores shown first)

Midlothian	2-0(W)	1-2(L)
Clover Hill	0-2(L)	1-2(L)
Meadowbrook	2-0(W)	2-0(W)
Thomas Dale	2-0(W)	1-2(L)
Prince George	2-0(W)	2-0(W)
James River	2-0(W)	2-0(W)
Manchester	2-1(W)	2-1(W)
Monacan	1-2(L)	2-1(W)

Clover Hill Tournament

Manchester	3-0(W)
First Colonial	3-0(W)
Mills Goodwin	2-1(W)
Clover Hill	2-0(W)

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Boys' Varsity Volleyball. Row 1: Riley Irving, Jay Jones, Lex Watson, Adam Grayberg. Row 2: Mark McGruder, Clayton Williams, Brian Ross, Coach Cave, Tim Summa, Josh Barrowclift, Andy Vojtecky.

The Sky is the Limit

The boys' varsity volleyball team had an awesome season. Teamwork, improved players and strategy were the keys to its success. Comparing it to last season, senior Andy Vojtecky said, "Even though we had the same record it was more succesful because we beat some of the tougher teams we had never beaten before." In the Clover Hill tournament the team went undefeated to take this year's title. They beat Clover Hill for the first time in years.

"Beating Clover Hill in the championships at their invitational tournament was the high point of the season," said senior Jay Jones. Winning 11 out of the 17 games this season showed their improvement over last season. All of the players had a different pre-game ritual. Whether it was breaking wood over their head or jumping on top of players, one way or another everyone found a way to get psyched before the game.

The award winners were Clayton Williams, Most Improved Player;Josh Barrowclift, Offensive Player of the Year, and Andy Vojtecky, Defensive Player of the Year. The Most Valuable Player of the year was Brian Ross, who won for the second consecutive year.

"The past two years of coaching volleyball at Bird have been a great experience. Although the guys are a bunch of "flakes," they are fun to be around and work very hard to be successful," joked Coach Cave.

Up and Over. Senior Jay Jones is ready to get the ball over the net and into the court. "Serving and defense were the most important part of my game," said Jones.

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Spike to Kill. Senior Andy Vojtecky kills the ball over the net. Vojtecky said, "I am very proud of my teammates, and I'd like to thank Coach Cave for two great years."

Varsity	Season	Record
Clover Hill		0-2(L)0-2(L)
Meadowbrook		2-0(W)2-0(W)
Midlothian		0-2(L)1-2(L)
Thomas Dale		2-1(W)2-1(W)
Prince George		2-0(W)2-1(W)
James River		0-2(L)0-2(L)
Manchester		1-2(L)0-2(L)
Monacan		0-2(L)0-2(L)
Tho. Jefferson		1-2(L)1-2(L)

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Girls' Varsity Volleyball. Row 1: Lauressa Champaco, Cortney Bradford, Katherine Prugh, Becca Jacobs, Rosie Brown. Row 2: Coach Weston, Brandi Henry, Angie Moore, Ashley Oliver, Melissa Thurston, Shannon McAnelly, Leona Burke, Robbie Reece.

Set for Success

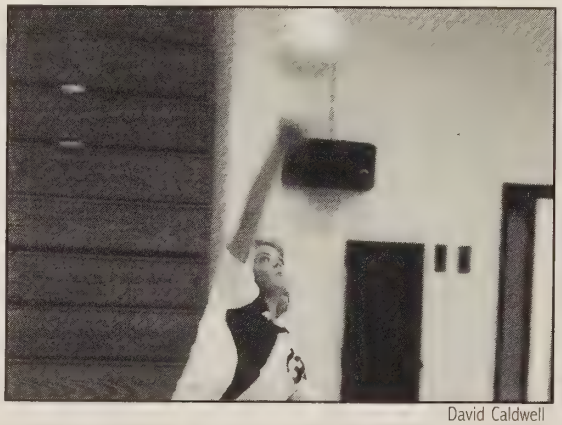
Volley, serve, spike, set... sound familiar? We've all heard these terms in gym class, but only the girls' volleyball teams could make putting these terms into action seem so easy.

Starting the season with a new coach added a lot of changes to their schedule. John Weston, a former coach at Richmond Volleyball Club, did well adjusting to the new team and school. Coach Weston said he enjoyed the season and cannot wait until next year. Also new to the Bird squad was senior Ashley Oliver. She said, "This is my first year at Bird, but with practice starting in August, I had a lot of friends by the time school started."

Rosie Brown said she enjoyed having a secret sister for every away game, and the before game ritual of the LCB chant. The matches that stood out the most were when the team beat Thomas Dale twice. One of these times was on senior night. "Sometimes it seemed like we were playing against each other at practice, but in the games we always came together," said Lindsey Garfinkel.

The key to having a good season was not solely volleyball skills, but the ability to communicate well on and off the court.

Taking Aim. "We had some problems, but we worked through them and played great," said Melissa Thurston.



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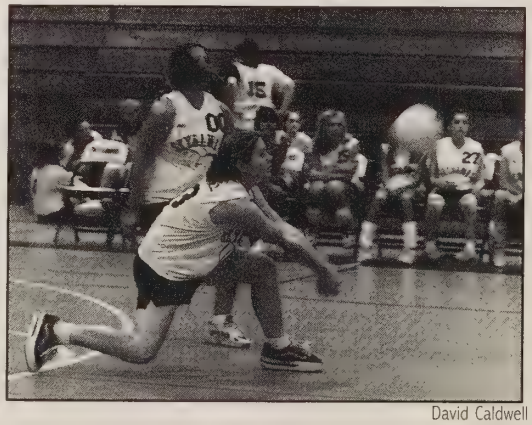

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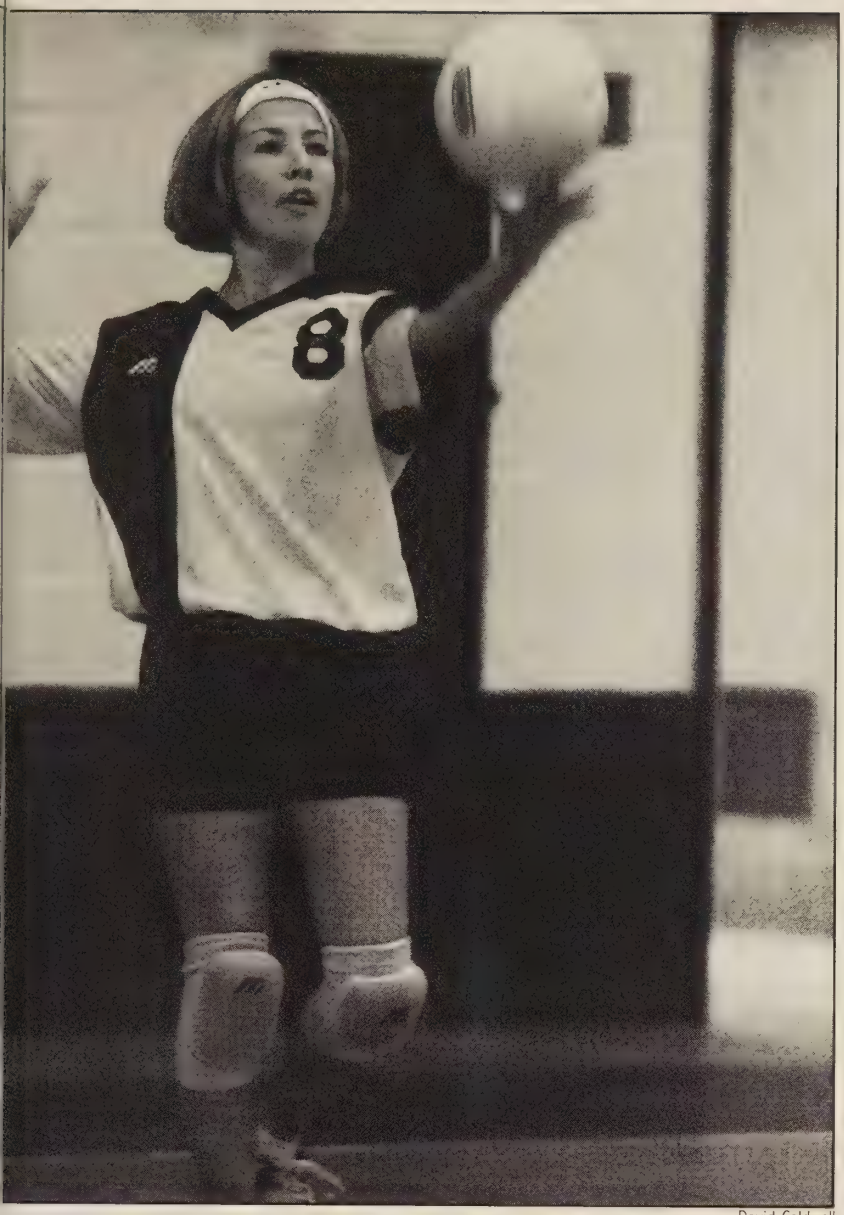
Digging Deep. Stephanie Crow fights to get under the ball. "I don't feel that I've played a good game unless I have put my all into it," said Crow.



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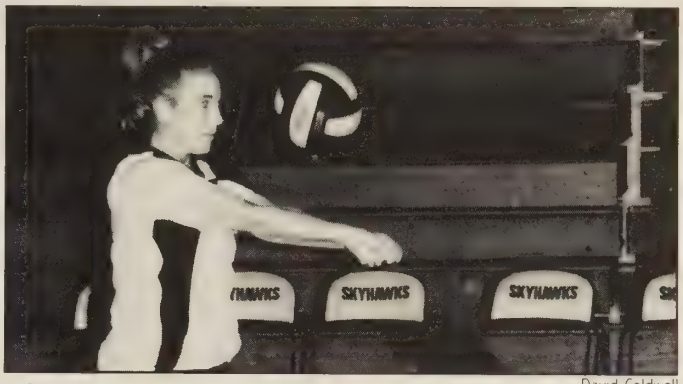
Going for the Ace. Leona Burke serves the ball with all her might. Burke said, "The feeling I get when we win is overwhelming! I love it !"



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Bump it. Katherine Prugh gives it her all. "When we focused during practice, we had a good game," Prugh said.

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Poised and Ready. "One summer there was this boy that I liked, and I got him to teach me how to play so I could talk to him," said Becca Jacobs.

JV Season Record

Clover Hill	0-2(L)0-2(L)
Midlothian	1-2(L)0-2(L)
Thomas Dale	2-0(W)2-1(W)
James River	2-1(W)2-0(W)
Manchester	2-0(W)0-2(L)
Monacan	1-2(L)1-2(L)

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Junior Varsity Row 1:Candice Krattiger, Stephanie Crow, Martha Blaszak, Kavita Kandhai, Erin Hill. Row 2: Coach Farris, Amanda Staton, Shelby Wyatt, Ashley Hajacos, Krystal Showers, Kristina Roe, Tory Watson, Stephaine Snyder, Lindsey Garfinkel.

By Jesse Overton and Kenya Brown

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Hopewell 0-4, 1-5

Clover Hill 0-7, 0-5

James River 0-8, 0-7

Thomas Dale 0-9

Manchester 0-7, 1-7

Midlothian 0-6, 0-8

Meadowbrook 0-0

Monacan 0-6

Thomas Jefferson 0-6

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Field Hockey Team Row 1: Jean Geary, Stacie Kibiloski. Row 2: Alexis Jones, Kristen Sisson, Michelle Taylor, Lindsey Callery, Shelly Lichvar, Rachel Westra, Cortney Puster, Leah Cooper. Row 3: Coach Nicky Holt, Manager Dale Glass, Tina Lichvar, Jessica Warren, Caitlan Longstreet, Amy Llaneza, Mary Tolbert, Shanna Gomez, Shannon Cherry, Manager Timmy Marsh, Coach Julie Capel.

Fun on the Field

L...C...L.C.B...I...R...I.R.D. This chant by the players could be heard at the start of every field hockey game to get each other pumped for the game. The team consisted of 17 players, ranging from ninth to twelfth grade because there is no distinction between JV and Varsity.

Head coach Nicky Holt felt that each girl made positive contributions. "With each new experience, the girls seemed to improve," she said.

Although the team did not have a winning season, they strived for success throughout the season. Sophomore Tina Lichvar recalled the high point of the season as being "when Caitlan Longstreet scored the first goal of the season."

The team had its share of fun along the way. During a rained out practice, the girls decided to play soccer instead. Freshman Leah Cooper remembered, "Shanna Gomez slid halfway across the field in the mud."

On senior day, the seniors cracked eggs over the heads of underclassmen in a show of unity. "Our team was really close and we had a lot of fun together," said senior Jean Geary. The players agreed that their skills improved and they had fun, which are the main goals of high school sports.

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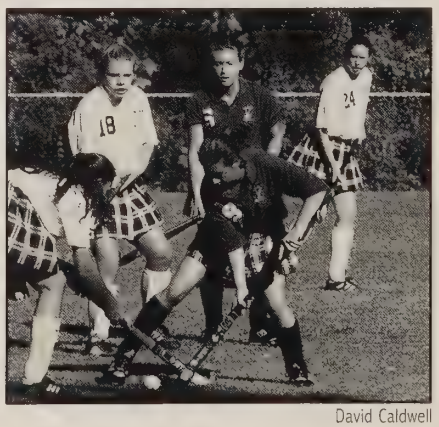
The Ball is Mine. Freshman Leah Cooper chases an opponent during a home game. "We were pretty good, but we needed work in some areas," said Cooper.



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Face Off. Sophomore Tina Lichvar concentrates on the play. "We came together at the end and managed to keep them from scoring during the second half," said Lichvar.

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This Isn't Ice Hockey. Senior Stacie Kibiloski fights for position during a home game against Monacan by checking her opponent. "I enjoyed running into people," commented Kibiloski. "I'm going to miss field hockey."

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Queen Jean and Her Battle Ax. Senior Jean Geary bustles to get the ball down the field and away from the enemy. "We never won, but there was a lot of talent on the team," said Geary.

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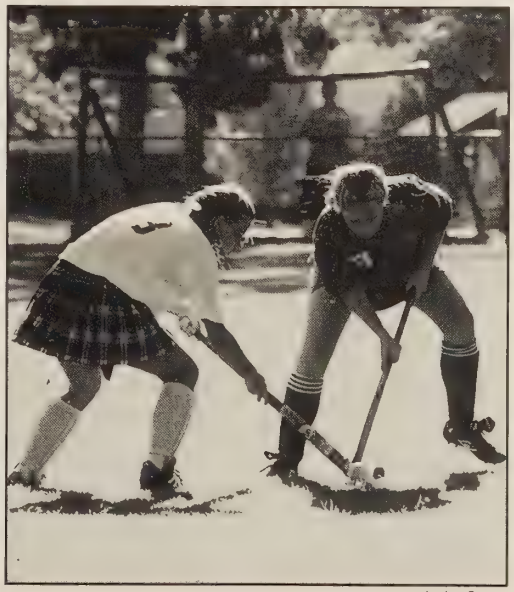
A Rose Pose. The field hockey team gets together before the senior day home game. "We posed for our last team picture, and I am really going to miss the team and playing," said senior Shelly Lichvar.



Jacky Geary

Scoop It Up. Junior Mary Tolbert tries to keep the ball away from a Monacan player. "This was my first year on the team, and I plan on playing again next year," said Tolbert.

By Jason Clark and Danielle Beverley

Count Down to the Finish. Senior Matt Lloyd takes long strides in his run. Lloyd said, "While I was running, I was concentrating on passing the guy in front of me."

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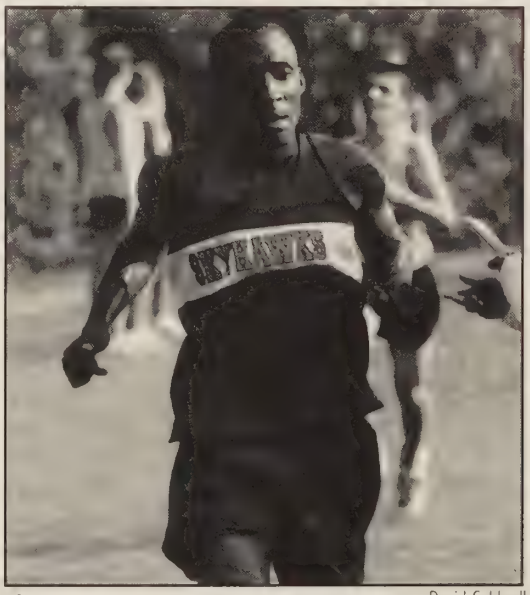
Pushing Past the Pain. Running cross country can be very draining, even to a healthy body. Struggling through illness during the season made it even more difficult for Betsy Mitchell. Mitchell said, "It was my last race and I gave it all I had."

By Heather Hile and Jessica Miller



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Mind Over Matter. Junior Colin Richards makes a dash to the end. Richards said, "My goal was getting past the finish line without hurting anything."

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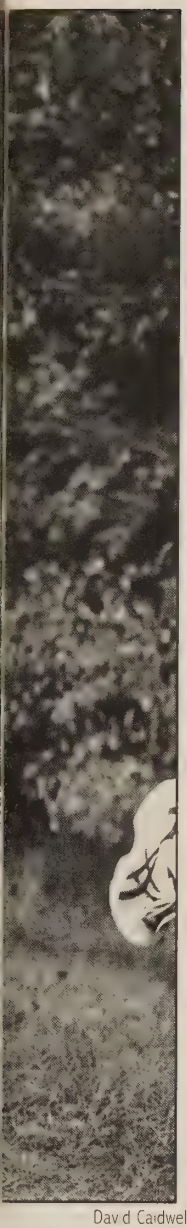
Feeling Butterflies in Our Tummies. Jessica Hammer, Anna Turton, Betsy Mitchell, Jessica Ellis, Pam Rose, and Lindsey Jessup watch and listen very attentively. Sophomore Jessica Ellis said, "Before this race I was very nervous, but as soon as the gun went off it all disappeared."



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Girls' Season Record

(Bird scores shown first)

Midlothian 69-29
James River 69-38
Thomas Dale 40-20
Petersburg 15-50
Clover Hill 36-23
Monacan 17-44
Manchester 39-27

Boys' Season Record

Midlothian 80-41
James River 80-19
Thomas Dale 25-36
Petersburg 15-50
Clover Hill 38-41
Monacan 26-33
Manchester 38-29
George Wythe 15-50

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Cross country team. Row 1: Brian Zimmerman, Jessica Hammer, Lindsey Jessup, Bridget Kendall, Anna Turton. Row 2: Pam Rose, Kirsten Rousell, Jessica Ellis, Scott Booker. Row 3: Kyle Harris, Ricky Artus, Steven Lloyd, Billy Barrett, Pratik Prasai, Coach Reed. Row 4: Colin Richards, Brandon Justice, Nick Wittman, Matt Lloyd.

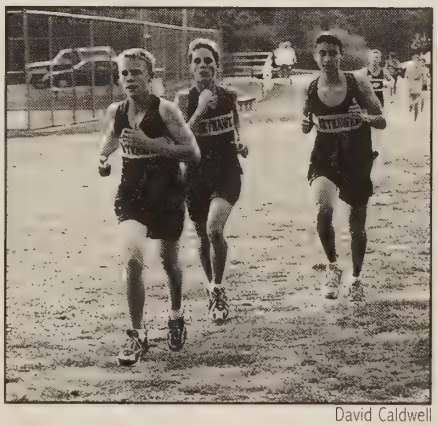
Keeping the Pace

A word of advice: Run a mile in this cross country team's shoes before deciding it's easy. Making the sport unique is the fact that it's not divided into JV or Varsity sections. This undivided team feels a greater sense of unity. "All the girls were really close friends," said senior Betsy Mitchell.

Freshman Kyle Harris started off on the right foot and was in a top five spot all season. Harris said, "My teammates make me feel welcome, and I don't feel like a freshman." Freshman Lindsey Jessup is special to the team because of her vision. The vision in each of her eyes is 20/300. She is supported by Coach Robert Reed, who actually runs with her in the darker areas to help her on the course. Jessup said, "The team is nice to me and very supportive."

Sophomore Jessica Ellis was the only member that qualified for the Regional and State Meets. She placed eighth in Regionals and twenty-eighth in the State. The team is supported by Coach Reed who has been coaching track for twenty-four years. Reed said, "Just remember lowest score always wins!" This team was successful and had a year of laughter and fun to go along with the hard work and rewards.

One Foot in Front of the Other. Ricky Artus, Scott Booker, Nick Wittman make their way. Senior Scott Booker said, "I sing 80's songs while I run because running for three miles you have to have something to do."



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Heather Hile

Practice, Practice, Practice. Brandon Justice, Jessica Hammer, and Billy Barrett keep it on track at practice. Jessica Hammer said, "Sometimes practice is hard, but worth it in the end."

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Manchester	171-158
Monacan	174-166
Clover Hill	183-162
Midlothian	169-178
Meadowbrook	180-204
James River	169-183
Amelia	196-173
West Point	187-173
Thomas Dale	178-162
Colonial Heights	165-177

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Golf Team. Row 1: Matt McHugh, Brad Williamson, Brandon Williamson, Jonathan Tingen, Matt Lewis, Phillip Bruner, John Primm, Coach Tester.

Nothing But a Par-Tee

"Fore!" This is a common warning used at the Meadowbrook Country Club, where the Skyhawks' golf team plays and practices to take on their opponents. The team is very fortunate to have such a great place to play. "We play at a beautiful golf course; it's wonderful," said sophomore Phillip Bruner. This year was the first year sophomore John Primm played for the Skyhawks. "This was my first season, and I was really excited about it," he said.

The boys' record was 3-7. According to senior Jonathan Tingen, the most important thing that came out of the season was that they "played great as a team and had a lot of fun.

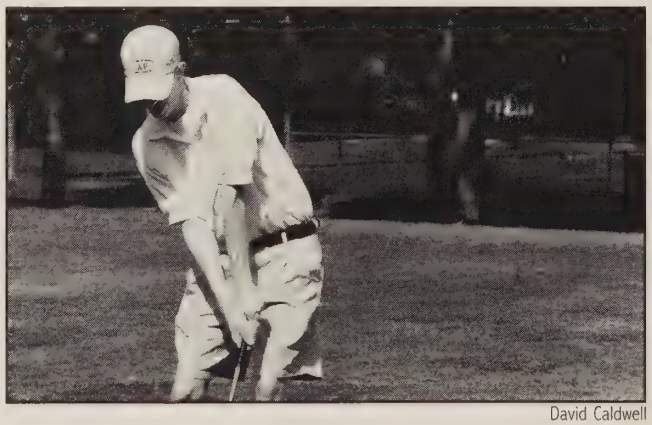
Although the guys always tried to play as a team, there was sort of a "special" competition between two of the players, Brandon Williamson and Phillip Bruner. Brandon made regionals, and Phillip missed it by only one stroke.

"I was happy for Brandon. He is my best friend and we both knew one of us would make it," said Bruner.

Each member of the team has reasons why they enjoy golf. "I like it because you don't really have to depend on everyone else... you play on your own," said Brandon Williamson.

All the guys agree on one part of the team: Coach Tester. "I just want to thank Coach Tester for putting up with me and Jonathan for the past four years," said Matt McHugh.

Pop Goes the Weasel. Junior Brandon Williamson's ball practically jumped up and bit him. "This is the fun part!" Williamson commented.



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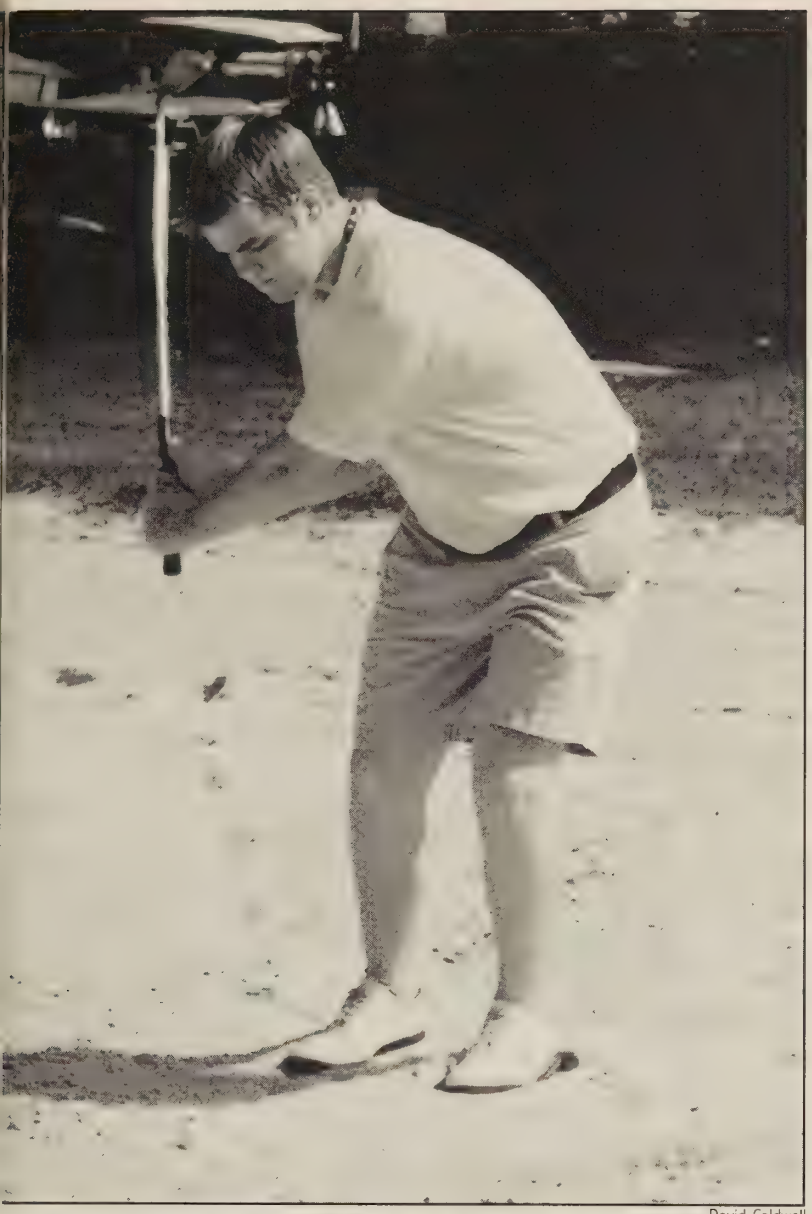
Air Ball. Sophomore John Primm wacks his ball into the air. "There's really not a lot of stress in this game," Primm said.



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Swinging Into Action. Jonathan Tingen takes a swing while in the sand pit. This was Jonathan's fourth and final year playing golf for Bird."Hey, at least I wasn't in the water!" Tingen said.

David Caldwell

Concentration. Golf takes a great deal of focus and patience. "This sure isn't Putt-putt," Phillip Bruner thinks as his ball creeps slowly toward the hole.

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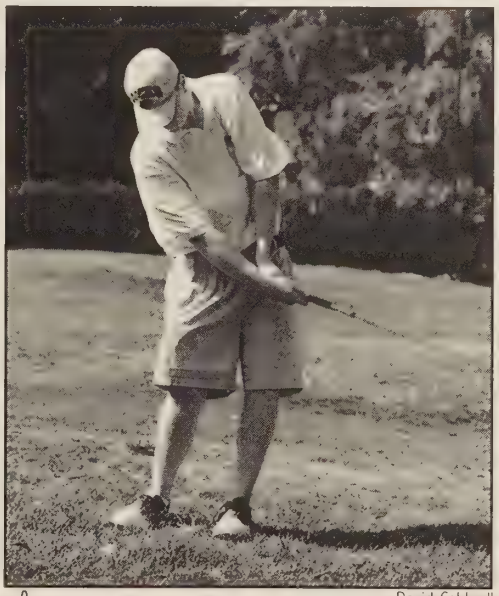
Here Goes Nothing. Senior Matt McHugh tries his hardest to get the ball out of the sand. "I always enjoy a great day at the beach," said McHugh..



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Jump Ball, Jump. Junior Matt Lewis takes a swing at the ball. "Coach Tester really helped me out a lot with this stuff," Lewis said.

By Dara Boggs

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David Caldwell

Varsity Cheerleading. Row 1: Captain Khilia Graves, Captain Tierra Williams. Row 2: Michelle Taylor, Cameron Dixon, Lindsey Halbert. Row 3: Danielle Beverley, Meredith Ness, Robyn Bell, Kristen Scott. Row 4: Angel Butler, Kelly Brinson, Jennifer Terrill, Heather Taylor, Candice Cobb. Not pictured: Neffie Anderson, Alexis Chisholm.

High Power Spirit

Skyhawks Blue, Blue! The cheerleaders survived horrible weather this year. In the football season the girls stuck with the team through the heat, humidity, freezing temperatures, and pouring rain. Terri Kilgo explained, "It was so hot, everyone got burnt and had weird tan lines from our uniforms."

During the school year the cheerleaders led the Skyhawks to victory in football and basketball. Between the games they competed in the Dominion District Cheerleading Competition.

During August, the cheerleaders attended an Eastern Cheerleading Association camp.

The girls practiced for many weeks for the home dance competition. They won first place, making them the champions of the dance competition. Overall the girls worked as a team to win the giant spirit megaphone over 17 other squads.

A new member was added to the "Skyhawk Family," Ms. Cary Bannon. Bannon said, "Coaching cheerleading has been a challenging and rewarding experience for me this year." The cheerleaders have made many positive contributions to not only the school this year, but also around the community.

☞ *Electrify Let's Hear it.* Morgan Taylor and Misty Waytes show the crowd of skyhawk fans at the home-coming game what cheerleading is all about. Taylor said, "The corsage kept hitting me in the face while I cheered."

L C B

David Caldwell

Junior Varstiy Cheerleading. Row 1: Lauren Sobrito, Dale Ivey, Danielle Benz, Erica Garton, Keisha Gilliam. Row 2: Captain Terri Kilgo, Captain Lesley Bare. Row 3: Latisha Jones, Morgan Taylor, Brandy Wrenn, Samantha Hewlett, Tina Miller, Misty Waytes, Melissa Murray. Not Pictured: Brittany Welch, Adair Honaker.

David Caldwell

Let's Go Skyhawks, LET'S GO. The Cheerleaders chant a familar cheer at the homecoming football game as sophomore Dale Ivey and senior Khilia Graves soar above the rest. Graves said, " I love going up in stunts and being the center of attention."

Candice Cobb

Banana Split. Sophomore Neffie Anderson shows off her awesome toe-touch at a district tournament game. Anderson exclaimed, " It took me a long time and a lot of effort to perfect my russian. My coach made me work hard to point my toes and make me land with my feet together."

Pam Cobb

Doughnuts For Sale. Sophomore Dale Ivey and junior Candice Cobb sell doughnuts outside of Ukrop's to raise money for a three year old boy suffering with leukemia.The cheerleaders sold 300 boxes and raised over $400 for his treatments.

Gary Lichvar

Pam Cobb

Y-E-L-L Everybody Yell. Seniors Meredith Ness and Cameron Dixon pump up the excited fans at the Manchester game. Ness said, "I love getting the crowd involved with us."

By Kelly Brinson and Candice Cobb

Picture Perfect. The ladies in blue spare a minute to take a picture showing L.C. Bird spirit at the competition held at Manchester High School. Andrea Tharp commented, "The competition was fun while it lasted, I'd definitely do it all over again."

Becky Ebert

Helping Hands. Sarah Wade offers to help Ashley Brandl prepare herself to dance for the crowd during the Homecoming parade. Wade said, "Dressing up in the costumes really completed the theme!"

By Kelly Brinson

Angela Howsmon

Get Your Body Movin.' Brandy Wagen seller gets it moving at a pep rally. All that was running through her mind was, "don't mess up, don't mess up, don't mess up..."

Brenda Devine

Strike a Pose. Rhapsody stops from a busy camp schedule to show off their 2nd place award. Mandy Devine exclaimed," We were all ecstatic to get second place because it gave us the chance to either go to the Citrus Bowl or an ESPN competition!"

Wendy Arendall

L C B

David Caldwell

Rhapsody Squad. Row 1: Captain Katy Brightly, Andrea Tharp, Co-captin Becky Ebert. Row 2: Sarah Fisher, Sarah Wade, Brandy Wagenseller. Row 3: Sarah Francario, Mandy Devine, Nicole Owens, Ashley Brandl.

Pump up the Volume

Five, six, seven, eight... Rhapsody makes their bodies shake! The girls in blue have accomplished much this year and all with the help of a new coach, high spirit and dedication.

Ms. Wendy Arendall took over the job as the team's coach. In addition to being a new coach at Bird it was also Arendall's first year coaching a dance team. "This year was a great learning experience and I really enjoyed working with the girls," she commented.

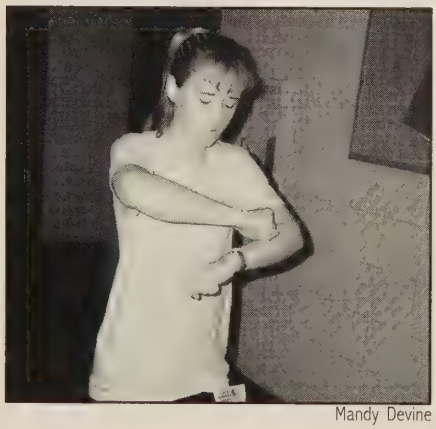
Captain Katy Brightly said, "She has done so much for the team. She has kept us disciplined and kept our image up."

Over the summer the girls attended dance camp at George Mason University. The team competed against other teams attending the camp and placed second overall.

The girls have pulled together to make their team the best. Becky Ebert said, "We have been closer than ever as a squad because we have done more activities outside of school, such as sleepovers."

Also, there are the memories that no one will ever forget. "At every first basketball game of the year, our music always cuts off mid-dance," said Mandy Devine. Even so, the talented girls of Rhapsody in Blue always make it through to pull off a spectacular performance.

Practice Makes Perfect. At dance camp over the summer, captain Katy Brightly strives for perfection by practicing her dance routines.



Mandy Devine

David Caldwell

Staying Alive. The girls practice for their half-time routine at homecoming. Becky Ebert said, "Its the first time since I've been on the team that we've gotten to show our individuality."

Season Record
(Bird score shown first)

Meadowbrook	9-0
Monacan	6-3, 2-7
Midlothian	0-9, 0-9
Manchester	8-1, 7-2
Clover Hill	0-9, 4-5
Collegiate	7-2
James River	5-4, 4-5
Huguenot	8-1

David Caldwell

Girls' Tennis Team. Row 1: Stephanie Primack, Sarah Davis, Diana Nelson, Angela Bier, Carly Kretzer, Brooke Leatherwood. Row 2: Manager Ryan Inge, Jaime Wisegarver, Sarah Barbour, Coach Crystal Barker, Allison Harris, Amy Horning, Manager Chad Hundley.

Swinging into Action

Racquets, skirts and courts all add up to one thing: tennis. For the girls' tennis team, this season was a big improvement from prior years. Finishing with a season record of 10-7, all the girls agreed that they worked much harder this year. Junior Sarah Barbour said, "Because of our new coach, we worked much harder and all the work paid off in the end." This new coach was Ms. Crystal Barker. As a first time coach of the girls tennis team, Coach Barker pushed the girls to a new limit.

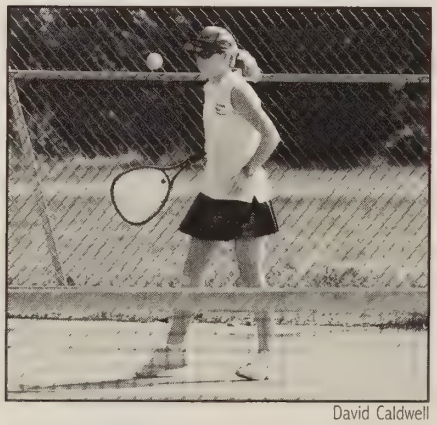
One of the most interesting points of the season came not during a game but at a practice. "One day before a big match, we spent the entire practice raking leaves off the court. Then we all went and got slurpees," said junior Brooke Leatherwood. The girls had many bonding moments like this. "One day at practice, three of us got injured and we had a handicapped section of the court," sophomore Allison Harris remembered.

Ending the season with a second place finish in the Varina Invitational Tournament, sophomore Jamie Wisegarver summed it up by saying, "We did really well this year and definitley made the other teams aware of our presence on the court."

All in all, the girls' tennis team had a great improvement from prior seasons and most importantly, worked together to get there.

All Smiles. Members of the girls' tennis team and their managers give smiles at the team party. "It was fun getting together with everyone a few weeks after the season was over; seeing them in real clothes and all," said junior Stephanie Primack.

Angela Bier



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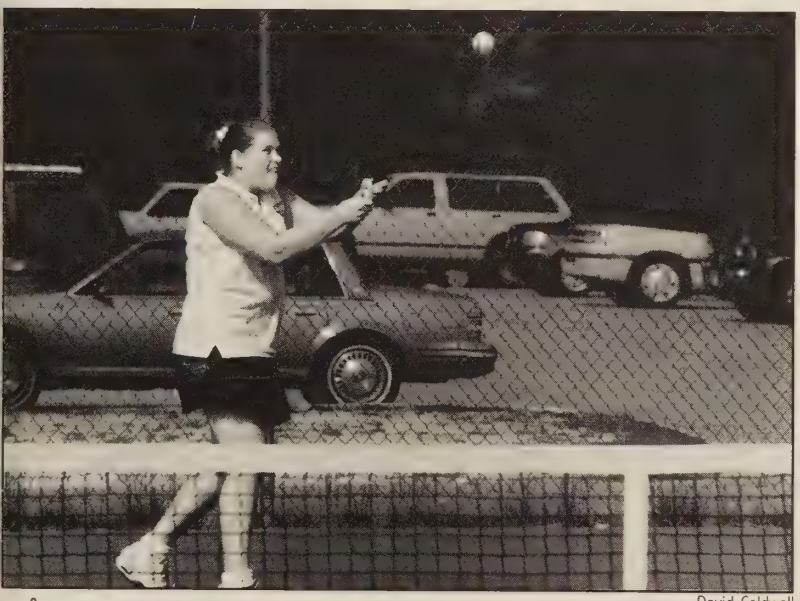
Love Me, Love Me. Sophomore Jaime Wisegarver competes in a match this season. Wisegarver said, "Our actual pregame ritual was just to relax and get focused."

David Caldwell

Break It Down. Sophomore Jaime Wisegarver takes a break between matches. This was Wisegarver's second season playing tennis. She agreed that this season was much better than the prior. "The best thing about the season was that we always had fun and played hard," she said.

David Caldwell

Going For the Ace. Sophomore Diana Nelson shows off her skills on the court. "I loved this season because we had a lot of improvement," said Nelson.



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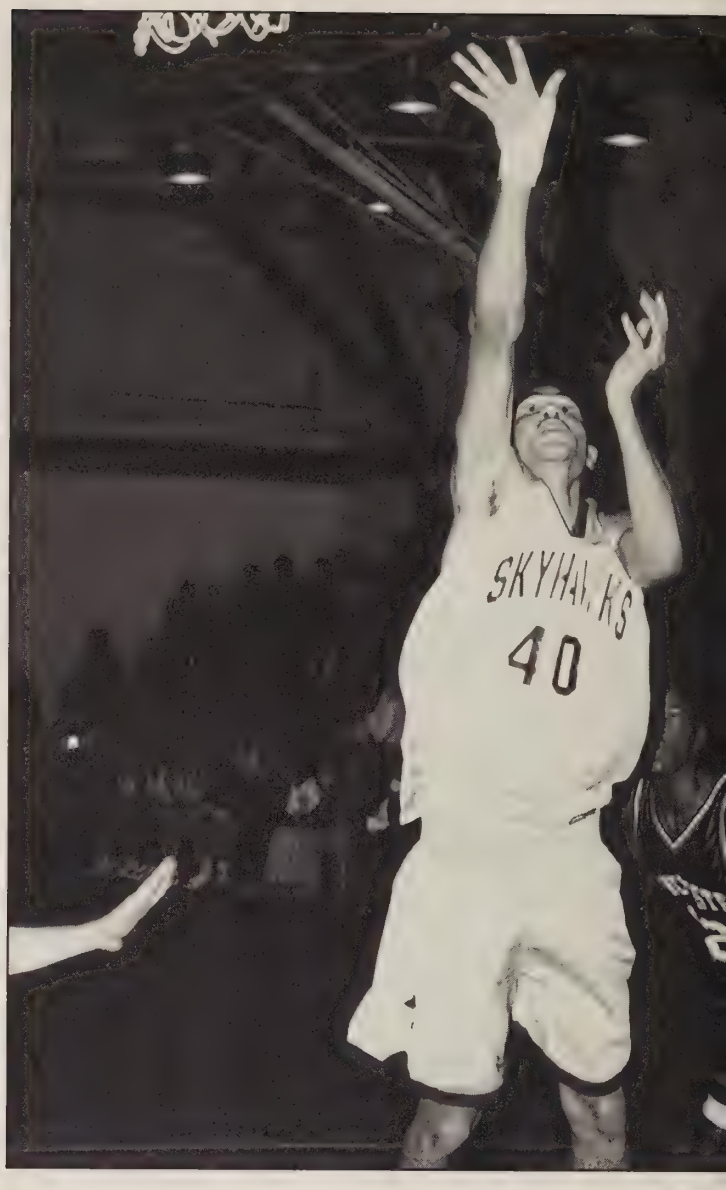
Complete Concentration. Sophomore Amy Horning takes a hit at the ball during a match. "I love playing tennis because it is a game of concentration but also of fun," Horning said.

David Caldwell

Hit Me With Your Best Shot. Junior Sarah Davis concentrates on her game. "This season was great because our new coach did a lot for us," said Davis.

By Cynthia Reed

Reaching for the Stars. Sophomore Patrick Fleming launches the ball into the net during a home game. "It was one of those games that was down to the wire. Even though we weren't victorious, we gave it all we had," said Fleming.



Candice Cobb

Some Words of Encouragement. Coach Randy Cave drills the team during a time out. "Coach Cave kept us motivated this season with all of his quotes and speeches," said sophomore Brian Burnette.

Look Fast. Junior Grayson Smith fakes out a Manchester player. "Everybody played to their highest potential," said Smith.

David Caldwell

By Danielle Beverley

J.V. Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Meadowbrook	74-67, 66-60
George Wythe	46-44, 49-53
Huguenot	56-74, 55-78
Monacan	38-61, 51-57
Petersburg	51-38
Prince George	56-57
Hopewell	66-49
Manchester	77-69, 84-64
Clover Hill	46-47, 62-53
James River	64-49, 55-77
Thomas Dale	67-38, 71-60
Midlothian	58-52, 76-66

David Caldwell

J. V. Basketball. Row 1: Ron Waller, Phillip Bruner. Richard Burgos, Jamar Johnson, Perry Parks, Arman Brown. Row 2: Coach Mike Chaney, Daniel Green, Jack Haddix, Tim Suma, Joseph Johnson, Ryan Waller, Coach Larry West, Coach Franco

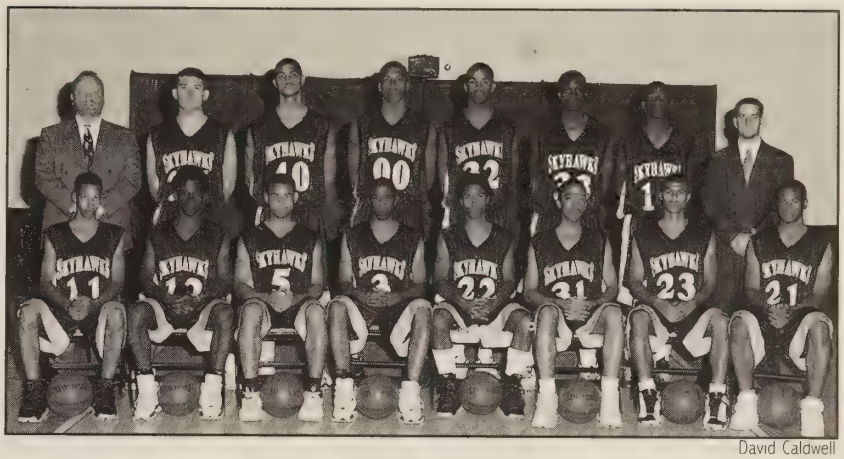
David Caldwell

Freshman Basketball. Row 1: Frankie Chalkley, Aaron Knight, Jason Haggard, Shamaine Stokes, Chris Tompson. Row 2: Coach West, Brandon Judkins, David Scott, Jason Farlow, Antoine Bediako, Marcus Jones.

David Caldwell

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Meadowbrook	62-77, 53-61
George Wythe	52-58, 54-67
Huguenot	74-56, 42-62
Monacan	64-69, 68-62
Prince George	61-67
Charles City	64-31
Matoaca	56-55
Manchester	98-101, 67-71, 68-75
Clover Hill	69-62, 75-64
James River	60-52, 60-58
Thomas Dale	63-68, 76-59
Midlothian	83-73, 50-63, 66-63
Regionals	
Thomas Jefferson	62-72



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Varsity Basketball. Row 1: Mark McGruder, Larry Bailey, Jonathan Banks, Grayson Smith, Louis Pleasant, Sean Robinson, Randy Fleming, Fernando Powell. Row 2: Coach Cave, Brian Burnette, Patrick Fleming, Maderric Toney, Steven Knight, Shawn White, Shomari Twyman, Coach Marshall.

Taking it to the Hoop

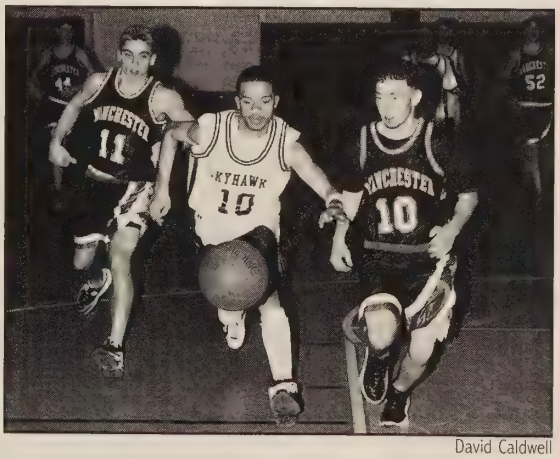
Throughout the season, the boys' basketball teams worked hard together on and off the court. The team started the season off by having a car wash at Bird to raise money for new practice uniforms.

For most of the varsity players and coaches, the high point of the season was beating Midlothian and advancing to regionals. The varsity team finished in the top four of the District. "We did a whole lot better than anybody expected us to," said senior Larry Bailey.

With great talent on the court this year, the varsity basketball team also has a bright future. The J.V. and freshman teams also had a good season, with fresh new faces on both teams.

Most of the guys agree that they had fun throughout the entire season. "We had fun on the court and we all got along. That's all that really matters," said sophomore Chris Hannah. For freshman Jason Farlow, the funniest thing about the season was when everybody joked on him for not being able to dunk. "All I did was prove the theory that white men can't jump," said Farlow.

With most of the varsity team returning and players moving up from J.V., next year there should be another team to keep an eye on. The J. V. and freshmen teams will continue to build.



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Dribble, Dribble Down the Floor. Sophomore Armond Brown takes the ball down the court to score another basket. "All of our hard work and dedication paid off," said Brown.

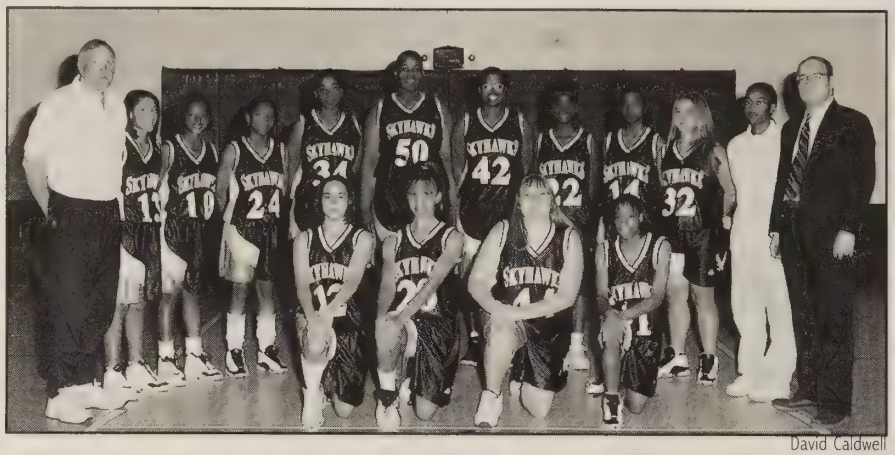
David Caldwell

Walking on Air. Sophomore Jamar Johnson goes for another layup. "It was a tough game, but we played well the whole way through and came out with the win," said Johnson.

Season Record

(Bird scores shown first)

Petersburg	29-33
Prince George	38-25
Highland Springs	55-25
Thomas Dale	65-35. 68-26
George Wythe	64-29, 83-21
Huguenot	47-40, 37-52
Monacan	39-48, 42-37, 37-38
Hermitage	50-56
Meadowbrook	36-31
Manchester	58-34, 51-25
Clover Hill	43-33, 43-55
James River	29-63, 47-55
Midlothian	56-44, 40-56



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Varsity Girls' Basketball. Row 1: Ashley Cox, Shontrese Smith, Shelby Ray, Tiffany West. Row 2: Coach Tester, Amber Godfrey, Lashonda Brown, Natasha Peyton, Chris Hoggard, Danielle Hoggard, Cherie Andrews, Kezia Williams, Crystal Johnson, Jill Worsham, Manager Traci Miller, Coach Kelly.

Nothing But Net

The L. C. B. Lady Skyhawks had a great season with a final record of 13-8. With many new players this season "There was quite a bit of young talent,"said Tester.

The girls' pushed through the season despite many difficulties. Coach Tester commented, "We had a great season but we had to deal with a lot of sickness and injuries."

When a strong player like senior Shontrese Smith became ill, her absence was felt strongly throughout the team. Many of the other players felt they had to work even harder with her gone. "Without Shontrese I felt I had to step up my game," said sophomore Ashley Cox.

The season was not without its memorable moments. Junior Chris Hoggard described the funniest moment of the season. "Our team got upset at a crazy foul that was called on one of our players. Shontrese and Coach Tester got up and started yelling at the referee. Then, Coach Tester tripped over Shontrese and they both landed on the floor." It was also funny when Ashley Cox locked the keys to the equipment room in the office before a game, and they couldn't get to the equipment.

The players remember the Midlothian game in particular because they "beat a great team for the first time," said Cherie Andrews. The girls gave it their all from the beginning of the season until the end.

Going for the Lay-Up. Senior Shontrese Smith drives to make the shot. "When I get on the court it's nothing but basketball," said Smith.

David Caldwell

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Getting Tough. Junior Cherie Andrews fights for the ball after she caught a rebound. "HELP, somebody come get the ball," said Andrews.

David Caldwell

Focusing on the Basket. Sophomore Ashley Cox turns off the opponents and makes the shot. "I knew that I had to concentrate on nothing but making the points," said Cox.

David Caldwell

Driving All the Way. With no worries of who may be trailing her, sophomore Melissa McGruder moves in for the shot. "I just needed to make the shot, not worry on who was behind me," said McGruder

David Caldwell

It's All in the Wrist. Form is everything for sophomore Amanda Staton. "It just comes naturally. I don't even think about my form when I am making the shot," said Staton.

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Thomas Dale	48-25, 50-26
Varina	38-39
Huguenot	49-34, 33-63
Monacan	39-27, 37-40
Manchester	31-36, 52-38
Clover Hill	45-47, 35-32
Petersburg	52-35, 36-25
James River	31-48, 41-50
Midlothian	43-45, 32-48

David Caldwell

J.V. Girls' Basketball. Row 1: Shavonne Taylor, Jody Abbott, Amanda Staton, Barbara Rose, Shanna Gomez, Echo Hagan. Row 2: Assistant Coach Kelly, Faith Rogers, Jenny Cook, Emily Grisham, Raegan St. John, Melissa McGruder, Coach Birmingham.

By Angela Spade

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Tucker	17-43, 23-39
Randolph	30-36
Monacan	42-41
Highland Springs	37-30
Varina	34-22
Richmond	20-28
Henrico	20-41

David Caldwell

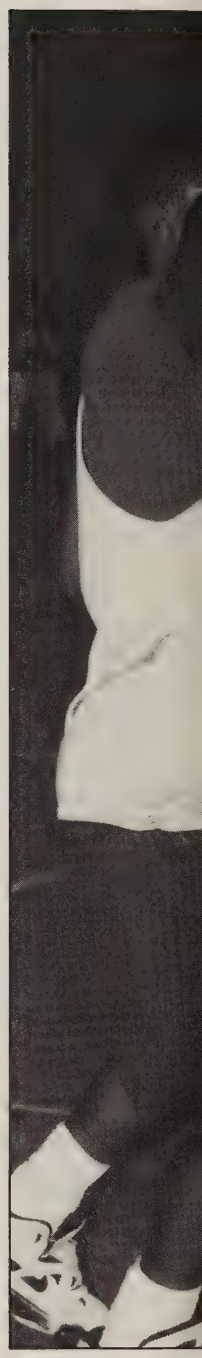
M. B. L. Row 1: Mark Powell, Derek Shelburne, Allen Barber, Chris Duncan, Dorothy Mottley, Tony Parker, Seth Heise Row 2: Coach Rachel Garner, Litonya McKibbens, Clifford Hardy, Frank Dunford, Justin Poythress, Jason Fenton, Captain Tyrine Garner, Ken Holloway, Coach Sandra Rublee, Coach Shannon Ferguson

Basket of Dreams

The Medford Basketball League began at Bird in 1981 to allow students with disabilities to play basketball and cheer. In the 25th anniversary year, the team has worked really hard and achieved all their goals. "I like going to away games to see the different schools and greet them with my favorite cheer, the Hello cheer," said Kisha Williams.

The T-shirt logo for the whole league was designed by our own Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Garner. Being a player of M. B. L. means achieving goals as an individual and as a team. Players learn to follow rules, develop physical skills, and overcome personal obstacles. Justin Poythress said, "I made four shots this season, and I really liked playing Highland Springs because we beat them!" Coach Garner was proud of the accomplishments the players made this year. Mrs. Garner said, "It's an exciting part of my job to coach. I get to see the students maturing on and off the court. It's great to see our students learning to be a part of a team which is an important lesson."

These athletes showed hard work and dedication throughout the season. As a team, the players strived for success.

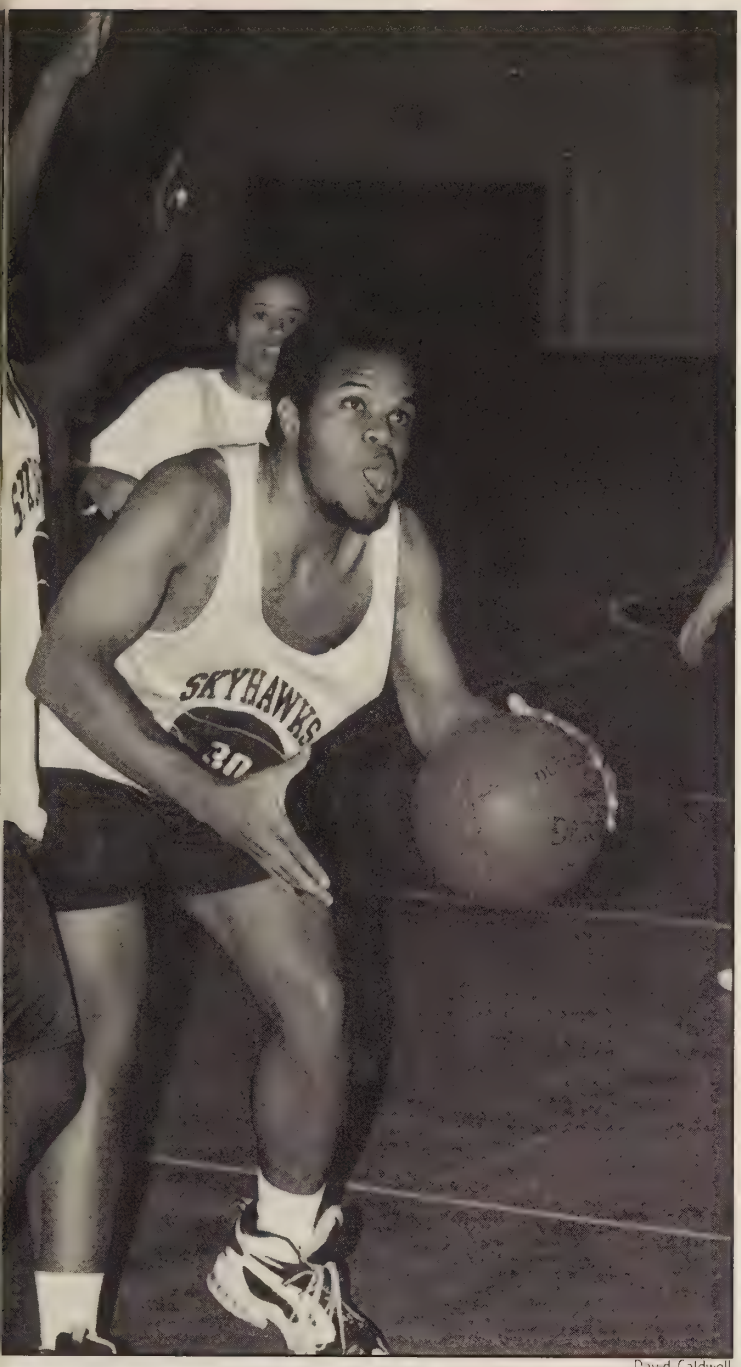


☞ *A Break Through.* Roxanna Ronquillo, and Ranae Eberle hold the banner as Allen Barber runs through before the start of the game. "I love this game... YEAH!" said Barber.

LCB

Heather Hile

Cheerleaders: Row 1: Jahida McCall, Angie Strang Row 2: Kisha Williams, Danyell Dotson, Ranae Eberle Row 3: Assistant Coach Wonda Halton, Isaac Crew, Roxanna Ronquillo, Captain Ashley Graham, Ben Baskerville, Coach Robin Kalman



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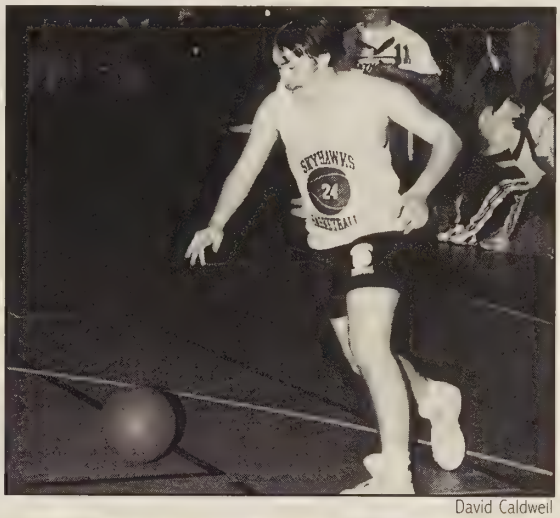
Aiming for the Hoop. Junior Tyrine Garner blocks his opponent while still preparing to shoot for the hoop. Garner said, "As the captain, I give the other players tips on how to play."

David Caldwell

Clap and Stomp. Ben Baskerville, Ranae Eberle, Ashley Graham, Kisha Williams, Roxanna Ronquillo and Danyell Dotson cheer on their awesome players at a home basketball game. Sophomore Ashley Graham said, "I like being the captain because I get to call the cheers."



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I Got It. Sophomore Frank Dunford reaches out for the ball as it rolls down the court to him. Dunford said, "I wanted to get that ball and put it in the basket."

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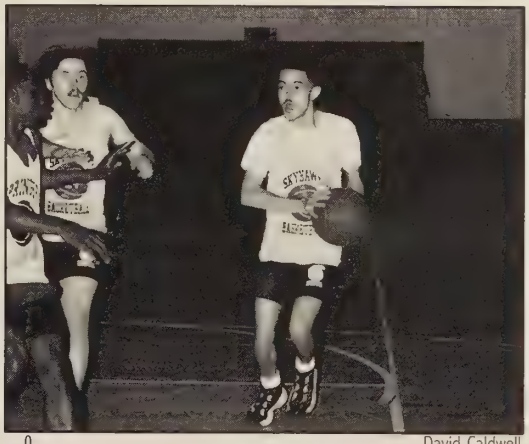

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It's Up to Me. Sophomore Jason Fenton has to think fast after receiving the ball. Fenton said, "It was a fast break straight for the hoop."

By Heather Hile

Sweating it Out. Senior Nick Wittman uses all his strength to hold his opponent down. "I wanted to play a sport other than track, and Coach Rafferty talked me into wrestling while we were in the weight room," said Wittman.

David Caldwell

One Great Headlock. Derrik Griner puts his opponent in a headlock. "My favorite part about wrestling is that you get to hurt people and get away with it," said Griner.

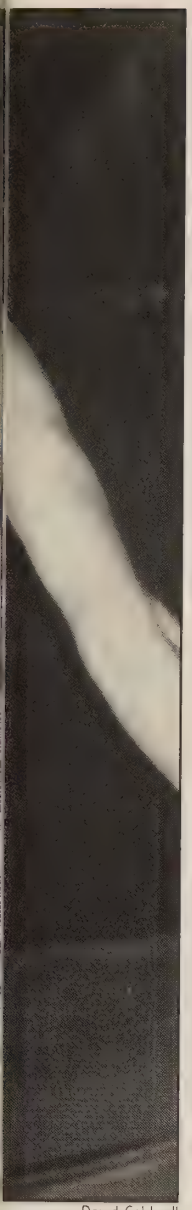
By Annalisa Volo and Katherine Prugh

David Caldwell

In Ready Position. Sophomore Josue Castro pins his opponent. "The reason that I wrestle is so we as a team can try to make this sport popular through the county," said Castro.

David Caldwell

No Escape. Senior Jeremy Senn keeps his opponent locked down. Senn said, "I like the optional start, when the wrestler gets to choose how to start the match".



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Scorebox
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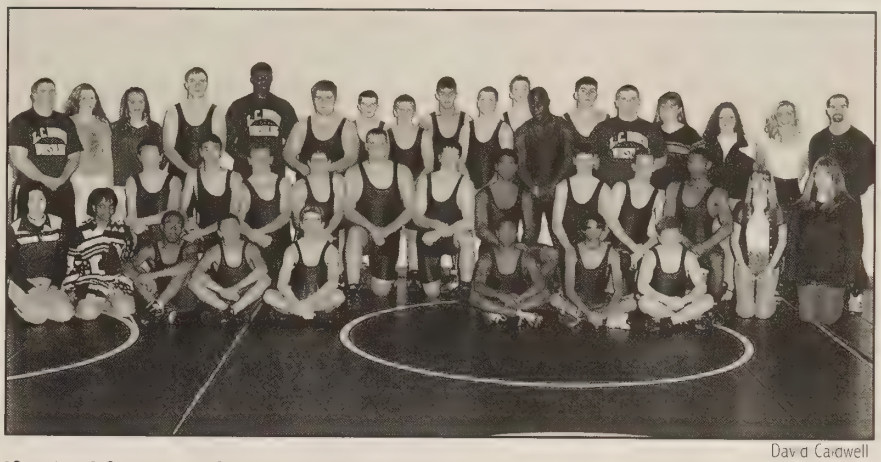
Monacan 25-53
Meadowbrook 42-35
J.R. Tucker 36-48
Midlothian 27-49, 22-57
Varina 32-53
James River 7-64
Matoaca 30-44
Manchester 23-51
Huguenot 48-26
Patrick Henry 12-30
Huguenot 53-30
Garfield 3-71, 33-48
Clover Hill 21-49
Douglas Freeman 9-71
Hermitage 18-57
Thomas Dale 27-47
Dinwiddie 30-48
George Wythe 57-27



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Varsity Wrestling. Row 1: Manager Amber Whittman, Manager Cynthia Walton, Willie Harvin, Luther West, Travis Powers, Brandon Hawkes, Tariq Mohammed, Jared Stolle. Row 2: Jeremy Fortner, Nick Wittman, Rusty Crostic, Jason Gordon, Derrik Griner, Jeremy Senn, Josue Castro, Kevin Mooney, Patrick McDowell, Seon Hobbs, Manager Kristin Rice, Manager. Row 3: Coach Dixon, Manager, Lauren Bain, Manager, Kathryn Tinsley, Jason Fransisco, Kevin Lyons, Dennis Bradley, Kyle Shepperson, Patrick Lloyd, Carlos Burgus, Chad Hundley, Brandon Marsh, Marcus West, Mark Bybee, Brandon Smith, Sarah Buckland, Lindsay Spencer, Casey Seymour, Coach Rafferty.

Pinned to the Mat

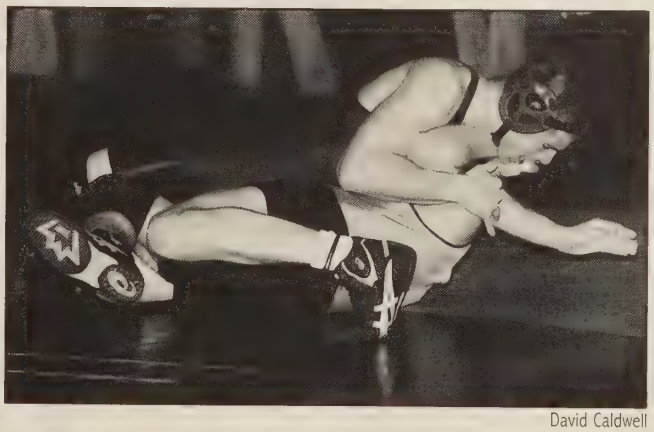
Preparation, anticipation, and jitters will disappear when the match begins. Hours of practice and training helps loosen the strings. The wrestling team consisted of younger wrestlers this year, and "Because we have younger wrestlers, we will improve next year," said sophomore Rusty Crostic. Of the eight wrestlers who made it to the regionals, two were freshmen.

Some first time wrestlers included Dale Ivey, Seon Hobbs and Luther West. Mr. Walton suggested that West try out because he saw his potential and his quickness. As a freshmen West placed 4th in districts in his weight class. "I like wrestling... but I don't like the spandex," said West. Hobbs chose to wrestle because "It's physical contact with people, and it's a chance for me to get my frustration out." The team this year also featured a female wrestler, sophomore Dale Ivey. The only other school in the district with a female wrestler was J.R. Tucker.

The managers didn't have easy jobs. From cleaning the mats to attending to the guys' needs. Managers had their work cut out for them. " If they are hurt we help them. If their muscles are tight we put flex-all on them," said manager Kathryn Tinsley.

David Caldwell

All Tied Up. Sean Geary uses his moves to his advantage. "I wrestle because it increases my physical abilities for the upcoming years of wrestling," said Geary.



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Down for the Count. Jason Gordon attempts to win the match. "I look forward to matches because the intensity when you get on the mat is a rush," said Gordon.

Standings:

Districts
Girls - 2nd place
Boys - 5th place

Regionals
Girls - 7th place
Boys - 17th place

States
6 girls qualified

Nationals
1 relay qualified

David Caldwell

Indoor Track Team. Row 1: Courtney Tolbert, Jessica Ellis, Bridget Kendall, Jessica Hammer, Tierra Williams, Becca Jacobs, Caroline Ogunware. Second Row: Spencer Pilgrim, Erric Knight, Matt Lloyd, Letta Collins, Heydi Shurland, Tasha Peyton, Scott Booker. Row 3: Coach Reed, Tanisha Harris, Billy Barrett, Brandon Justice, Troy Jiggetts, Jason Vicente, Colin Richards, William Jackson, Ricky Artus, Tina Davis. Not pictured: Angela Bier, Kyle Harris, Danielle Hoggard, Lindsey Jessup, Ebonie Jones, Tim Mancari, Ashley Matthews, Jubril Ogunbunmi, Jerry Robertson, Andrew Townes, Troy Vaden, Logan Vaden, Ron Waller, Ryan Waller, Josue Castro, Anna Turton, Jaime Wisegarver, Brian Spain.

On the Right Track

This year's track team overcame two big obstacles. The team was young with many of the returning members participating in other sports. Even so, many new records were set. "I can't ever recall breaking five school records with such a young team," said Coach Reed.

The girls did well with sophomore Jessica Ellis breaking the girl's 1600 meter district record, setting the 1000 and 1600 meter indoor track record, and breaking her own 1600 meter record three times. District and regional shotput champion, Danielle Hoggard, placed 7th in state competiton. Junior Tasha Peyton and senior Tierra Williams, along with freshmen Ebonie Jones and Courtney Tolbert set the new girl's 4x200 record, and placed 4th in the state where they qualified for national competition. Tasha also placed sixth in the region with her fifty-five meter dash.

The boys managed to make and break some records of their own. Juniors Troy Jiggetts and Colin Richards, along with sophomores Ryan and Ron Waller, placed 4th in the district setting a record time of 3:38.5. The quartet of underclassmen, including Colin Richards, Troy Jiggetts, Ron Waller, and sophomore Josue Castro ran together for the first time at the East Coast Invitationals and broke the 4x400 record. Winning the 4x800 in Districts were Seniors Billy Barrett and Scott Booker, along with Juniors Erric Knight and Colin Richards.

Many runners came close to making it to the state competition. "Being a couple of tenths off from states was both a high and a low for me," said Richards.

Next season is sure to be a success with the majority of the team returning.

To You, From Me. Freshmen Courtney Tolbert and Ebonie Jones practice passing the baton to junior Tasha Peyton and senior Tierra Williams. "The 4x200 team has really come a long way and we owe it all to Coach Reed," said Peyton.

Angela Howsmon

David Caldwell

Sandblast. Senior Tierra Williams makes her mark in the long jump. "With the help of Coach Reed, I was able to perfect my long jump," said Williams.

David Caldwell

Holding on Until the End. Junior Troy Jiggetts passes the baton off to sophomore Josue Castro in the boys' 4x400. "We spent a lot of time practicing passing the baton, and we had it down to a science," said Jiggetts.

Hal Trentham

Perfect Landing. Freshman Ebonie Jones focuses on balance as she lands during the long jump at districts. "I forgot about my back pains and just looked ahead of me," said Jones.

David Caldwell

Happy Trails. Freshman Courtney Tolbert comes around the bend and dashes towards the homestretch. "I knew I had it as soon as I caught up to the girl from Huguenot," said Tolbert.

On the Track to Success. Sophomore Jessica Ellis sprints to the finish. "When I saw the finish line ahead of me the only thing I thought was, I am almost there," said Ellis.

By Angela Bier

☞ *Leap for the Stars.* Junior Natasha Peyton tries to improve her length every time she does the long jump event. "When I get out on the field, I have this motivation to just do the absolute best I can," said Peyton.

David Caldwell

☝ *High Hopes.* Junior Ryan Waller believes that practicing every day was the key to his success. "If it weren't for my dedication and hard work, I wouldn't be as successful as I am today," said Waller.

☞ *Competition* Sophmore Dale Ivey (right) inches past another runner. "What makes track exciting is the intense competition between our team and others," said Ivey.

David Caldwell

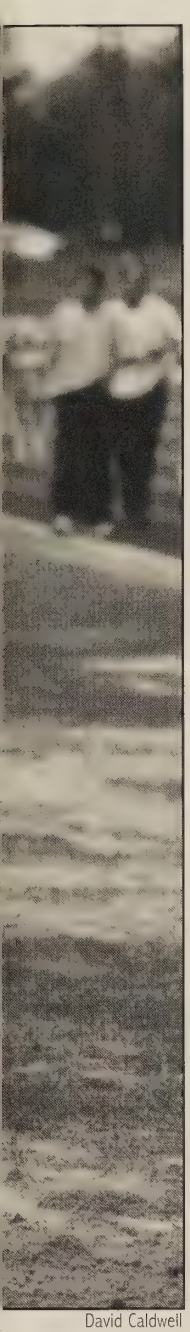
By Kenya Brown

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

James River	65-67
George Wythe	110-6
Manchester	61-71
Huguenot	94-45
Clover Hill	62-70
Midlothian	78-54
Monacan	82-49
Distict Meet	Champions
Regional Meet	3rd Place

David Caldwell

Girls' Track Team. Row 1: Lindsey Jessup, Anna Turton, Dale Ivey, Betsy Mitchell, Kelly Taylor, Tiffany Clair, Tara Turner. Row 2: Tracie Miller, Samantha Collier, Natasha Peyton, Ebonie Jones, Tierra Williams, Shontrese Smith, Caroline Ogunware, Jessica Ellis, Coach Reed.



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Season Record (Bird scores shown first)	
James River	50-82
George Wythe	92-37
Manchester	62-70
Huguenot	96-35
Clover Hill	66-66
Midlothian	93-37
Monacan	60-72
Distict Meet	3rd Place
Regional Meet	3rd Place

David Caldwell

Boys' Track Team.Row 1: Chris Lloyd, Ricky Artus, Nicholas Wittman, Scott Booker, Pratik Prasai, Randy Fleming, Ryan Waller, Avery Cooper. Row 2: Coach Tester, Coach Watters, Nathaniel Yielding, Steven Lloyd, Jonathan Godwin, Matt Lloyd, Jacob Parsons, Colin Richards, Antoine Bediako, Nicholas Collins, Kevin Lyons, T.J. Snelling, Ron Waller, Traci Miller, Coach Reed.

Gone With the Wind

Nothing beats the rush of running a full-fledged, non-stop course. The feeling of the adrenaline pumping, jumping over hurdles, and conquering anything that gets in the way is unique and wonderful.

The track team constantly strives for success. Senior Betsy Mitchell thinks that their success is a result of them being so close. T.J. Snelling agreed, "We're like family. When teammates don't do as well as expected, we still cheer them on. This makes them want to do better," Snelling said.

The season started off fairly slow, but this did not discourage the team. "We had goals and we knew that as long as we did the best we could, things would start looking better," said junior Steven Lloyd. There were a number of new members who contributed greatly to the team. Senior Tierra Williams said,"The freshmen have done exceedingly well, and we all owe our success to coach Reed." "We always have people who will step up and do whatever coach asks," agreed Troy Jiggetts.

According to Coach Reed, this team was an exceptionally talented group of kids. "They were easy to work with. I was glad to see the girls win Districts. They worked so hard for it," he said. Though he has lost some great seniors, he's gained some powerful freshmen.

The team's positive attitude and continuous effort to give it their all has definitely given them an edge that will continue to carry them forward.

☞ *Don't Try This at Home.* It takes strength to handle a discuss or shot put. "Some people think that what we do is easy, but it takes a lot of focusing and body building," said Drew Hayes.

David Caldwell

Kenya Brown

☞ *Above and Beyond.* Caroline Ogunware's favorite event is the hurdles. "I've improved so much this year. I worked harder and did my warm up laps," said Ogunware.

☞ *Super Serve.* Senior Eric Eichenlaub uses a full shoulder rotation in his serve. "This year was my most improved and best performance year on the team," said Eichenlaub.

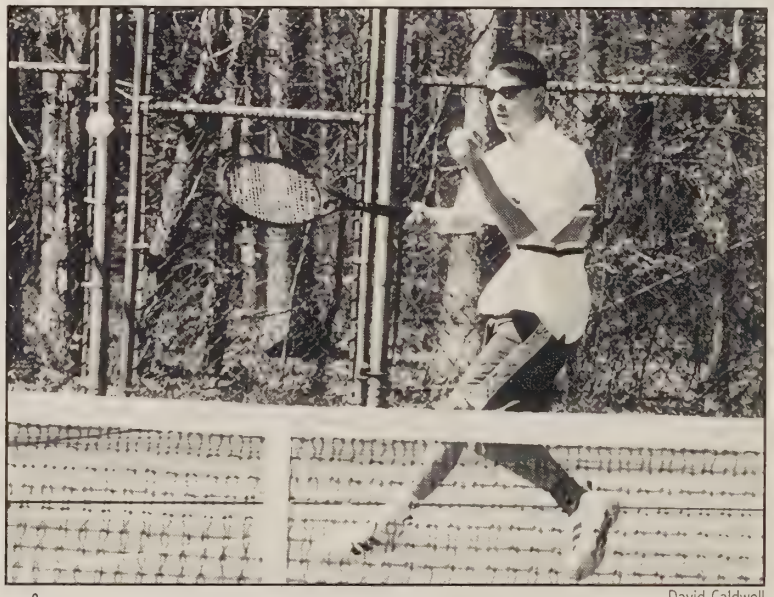
David Caldwell

Bulls Eye. Junior Brandon Williamson drives through a backhand in the direct center of the racket. "It's all about keeping your knees bent and your eyes on the ball," said Williamson.

By Stephanie Primack

Stephanie Primack

Time Out. Freshman David Cobaugh steals a minute during a match to catch up on homework. "Playing tennis keeps me busy so I have to arrange time for homework," said Cobaugh.



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Man in Black. Senior Lex Watson steps through his forehand with ease. " The farther we got in the season, the easier it became for me to hit those hard to reach shots," said Watson.

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Midlothian	8-1 6-3
Thomas Jefferson	5-4
Clover Hill	8-1 6-3
James River	7-2 5-4
Manchester	6-3 7-2
Meadowbrook	5-4
Monacan	7-2 9-0

David Caldwell

Boys' Tennis. Row 1: Chad Hundley, Michael Sidarous, Jacob Davis, John Primm, Jason Allen, Sanket Desai, Ryan Thompson, David Cobaugh. Row 2: Coach Mr. Jeff Langford, Ryan Inge, Tony Roach, Lex Watson, Brandon Williamson, Thomas Lee, Doug Paul, Eric Eichenlaub.

Courtside Decisions

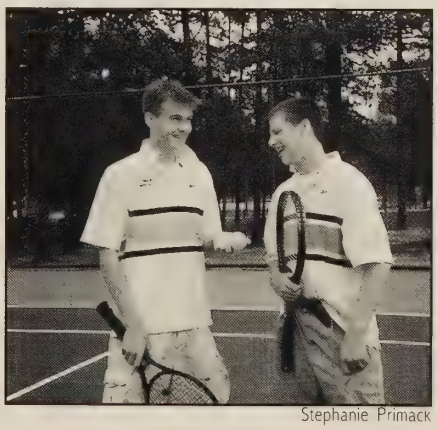
Hard work, dedication, and persistance are important factors in order to develop a well rounded, strong tennis team. The Bird boys' tennis team portrayed its power in more ways than one.

While not every match went down as a victory in the history books, the team members walked away with more knowledge about the ins and outs of their game. "I learned something new after every match, but ironically when I lost I felt more involved with my game," said Michael Sidarous.

While the team was busy aiming for a perfect season, many team members managed to have a little fun. "As our skill level improved the ability to have fun increased," said Jacob Davis. The season was not all fun and games as evidenced by their 4 - 8 record.

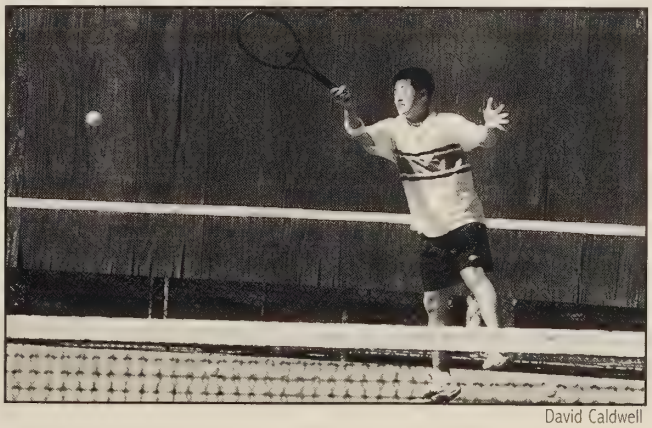
Tennis may be less of a team sport and more of a personal challenge, yet this did not hold back the unity of the team. "We didn't get together outside of practices but when the pressure was on on the courts we all came together," said Doug Paul.

The time and effort was obviously revealed on the courts. And as the season came to an end many memories were created. With perfection in mind the boys' tennis team strived for success.



Stephanie Primack

Checkpoint. Sophomores Ryan Inge and Chad Hundley exchange strategies before a match. "I try to teach Chad a few tricks of the trade before a match!" said Inge.



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Baseline Behavior. Senior Thomas Lee exerts his power with a strong forehand. "Even though I was lookin' really good, most of my shots were in the net," said Lee.

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Thomas Jefferson	2-1
Meadowbrook	1-2
Monacan	0-3, 1-2
Clover Hill	1-2, 2-2
Midlothian	2-3, 0-6
Manchester	0-2, 2-2
James River	1-0, 0-2
Freeman	0-1
Thomas Dale	0-1

David Caldwell

Varsity Soccer. Row 1: Trey Nichols, Gordon Chisholm, Matt Sharpe, Brett Graham, T.J. Claytor. Row 2: Philip Bruner, J.R. Wingfield, Wes Baskerville, Ben Dubisar, Gabriel Garcia, Shawn Snyder. Row 3: Coach Birmingham, Joy Brandli, Becky Ebert, Jay Jones, Jason Myers, Brian Akom, Erik Rosvall, Cameron Dixon, Katy Brightly.

Going Goalside

With spring in the air and the smell of freshly cut grass on the field, the boys know it's time to play soccer. "When it gets warm, I know I need to suit up for Bird, and besides, I start sneezing!" said senior Trey Nichols.

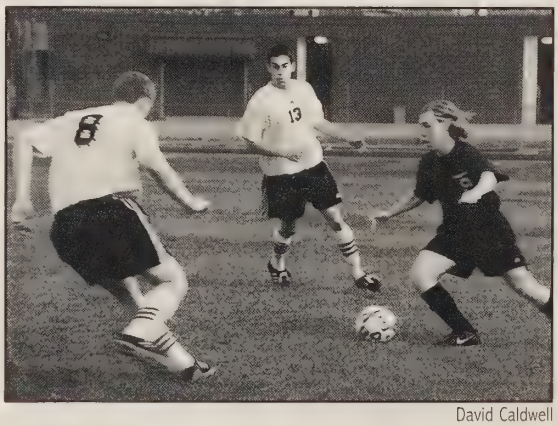
Although the season's records do not reveal perfection, the teams are definitely packed with talent. Many of the players are on travel teams; senior T.J. Claytor made the first team all-district and senior Trey Nichols and junior Matt Sharpe made the second team all-district.

The season was memorable to each of the players for many different reasons. Senior Jay Jones remembers when he got a red card for spitting in a Meadowbrook opponent's face. "He went after our captain, so I had to retaliate," said Jones.

Another thing that made the season memorable was the school's lack of an indoor facility due to the ongoing construction. Sophomore J.R. Wingfield said that he didn't mind not having a gym because "it gave us a reasonable excuse not to practice on rainy days!"

The boys' spirit, combined with their hard work and good times made the season dynamic.

Two Defense Men are Better than One. Juniors Ben Dubisar and Gabe Garcia play defender. "When we work together, a lot more gets done," said Garcia.



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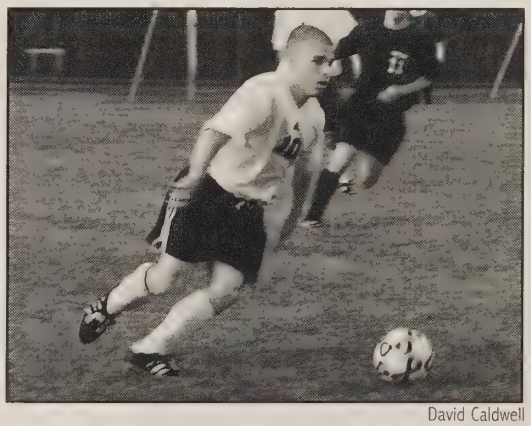

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Leaning tower of Pisa. Senior T.J. Claytor prepares for a quick shot. "You have to take the chance whenever it comes," said Claytor.

David Caldwell

You put your right foot in.. Senior Trey Nichols advances the ball off to a teammate. "I only wish the scores matched the strength of our hearts--we always had fun no matter what the scoreboard at the end of the game read," said Nichols.

David Caldwell

He dives, he saves! J.V. goalie Jason Haggard gets his paws on the precious ball before letting his opposition score a goal. "The team was really lacking a goalie, so I stepped up to help out," said Haggard.

David Caldwell

Chasing that ball. Sophomore Chase Dubay advances the ball toward the goal. "My main mission is just to get the ball up the field," said Dubay.

LCB

David Caldwell

J.V. Soccer. Row 1: Wes Myers, Nathan Peterson, Daniel Eisenhauer, Chris Reed, Kyle Rives, Chase Dubay, Chris Lilly, Matt Scott. Row 2: Kyle Middleton, Nicholas Fetty, Jason Wheeler, Tim Mancari, Jason Haggard, Eric Daniel, Mike Wolfe, Coach Hambrick

By Ashley Matthews

Season Record (Bird scores shown first)	
Monacan	0-8
Thomas Jefferson	1-0
Clover Hill	0-5
Midlothian	0-8
Manchester	0-2
James River	0-6
Meadowbrook	2-1
Monacan	0-4
Clover Hill	0-8
Midlothian	0-8
James River	0-7

David Caldwell

Varsity Soccer. Row 1: Brittney Giovannetti, Amanda Staton, Putra Bridge. Row 2: Nikki Weaver, Becca Jacobs, Kim Skora, Melissa McGruder, Erica Garton, Leah Cooper, Misty Waytes. Row 3: Brooke Leatherwood, Lindsay Goyne, Jean Geary, Katherine Prugh, Ashley Matthews, Amy Shepherd, Stacy Kennedy. Row 4: Coach Keith Scarlett.

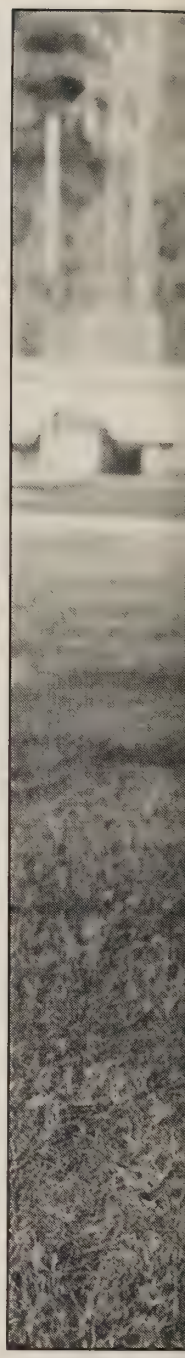
Passing Princesses

The feeling of running across a soccer field on a warm spring day brings many hopeful girls to try out for the soccer team. Even though many have been playing for years, they are never sure of making the cut. "The first week of tryouts was horrible. I almost gave up, but I didn't, and it paid off in the end," said junior Stacy Kennedy.

The players strive for perfection. They were driven not only by themselves, but by their new coach. "He has worked hard to bring up our rank," said junior Ashley Matthews.

This season has brought a lot of new talent to the team. Only two seniors filled spots on the varsity roster. Junior Putra Bridge played soccer in the U.S. for the first time. "I couldn't start tryouts on time because the military hadn't sent my physical," said Bridge. Her inclusion proved to be beneficial to the team.

The hard work from the players and extra efforts from the coach helped to strengthen the team's standing. "This season was a big improvement from last year," said junior Kim Skora. It's evident that the team has become better and will only continue to prove their status in seasons to come.



☞ *Leg Power.* Junior Lindsey Goyne shows off her kicking skills and realizes how important teamwork. "There is no "I" in team. Without the support of each player we would not be a team," said Goyne.

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JV Soccer. Row 1: Kristin White, Valerie Petway, Gypsy Lewis, Stephanie Crow, Adair Honaker, Diana Nelson, Sothy Chan. Row 2: Coach Geiszler, Mandy Connor, Martha Blaszak, Jessica Warren, Janaia Cormier, Heydi Shurland, Ashley Jones, Lauren Harney, Kristi Cobb.

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Lifesaver. Sophomore Melissa McGruder saves the day in an attempt to keep the ball out of Bird's goal. "Although we didn't win a lot of games, we all put our best foot forward," said McGruder.

David Caldwell

Jailbait. Showing off her black and white stripes, sophomore Adair Honaker attempts to steal the ball. "I told her, 'The ball is mine.' The ball is always mine," said Honaker.

David Caldwell

Fancy Footwork. Senior Nikki Weaver dribbles the ball to the goal. "I liked being one of the only seniors on the team. We held a certain sense of authority," said Weaver.

David Caldwell

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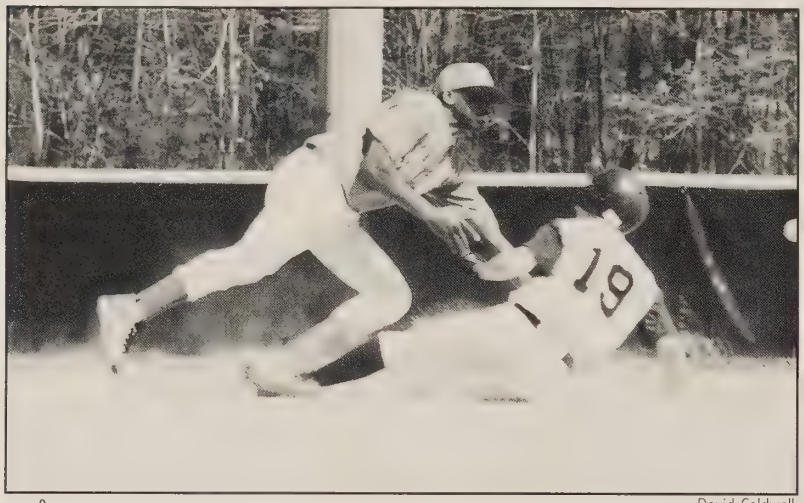
Ironwoman. Junior Brooke Leatherwood flexes her muscles during a practice kick. "I don't bodybuild, I swear. It's natural," said Leatherwood.

By Andrea Yancey

☞ *Fire Away.* Junior Arturo Mendoza cocks back his arm in a striking effort to fire one of his powerful pitches. "My goal on the mound is to just get out there and strike out as many people as I can," said Mendoza.



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☝ *Tag, You're it.* Junior Tim Neville makes a mid air attempt to get an opponent out. " I feel privileged having such a great infield backing me up out on the field," said Neville.

☞ *Ready, aim, fire.* Sophomore Daniel Leehy prepares to fire one of his game winning pitches. "I get a good feeling whenever I pitch well," said Leehy.

David Caldwell

By Angela Bier

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Manchester	9-14, 10-15
James River	9-8, 3-5
George Wythe	14-5
Monacan	14-5, 9-3
Midlothian	17-1, 12-2
North Stafford	3-5
Meadowbrook	14-8
Clover Hill	9-8, 8-3
Prince George	3-0
Varina	5-13

Lindsey Halbert

JV Baseball. Row 1: Rusty Crostic, Chris McManama, John Hawkins, Jason Butler, Chad Blanchard, Corey Angle, Ryan Taylor, Jon Reed. Row 2: John Taylor, Robert Parrish, Chad Karr, Daniel Leehy, Jacob Jones, Jeremy Crowder, Bud Webb, Jeremy Fortner. Row 3: Coach Walton, Pat Rogers, Terri Zaremba, Teddy Spaulding, Adam Payne, Justin Summa, Cory Chatham, Adam Gregoire, Coach Spencer.

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Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Manchester	7-6, 4-5
James River	3-6, 3-5
Monacan	3-8, 1-0
Midlothian	8-7, 2-1
Huguenot	4-3, 8-0
North Stafford	2-3
Meadowbrook	11-3
Clover Hill	8-5, 7-0
Prince George	6-5
Varina	3-13

David Caldwell

Varsity Baseball. Row 1: Lindsey Spencer, Justin Burnham, John Taylor, Donnie Field, Duane Whirley, Jason Vicente, Jason Snelling, Paul Cassada, Seth Delacruz, Dusty Crostic, Ron Jones. Row 2: Coach Tingen, Tim Neville, Tony Martin, Jeff Earley, Jonathan Tingen, Brock Butler, Steve Webb, Brian Spain, Arturo Mendoza, Chris Wray, Evan Green, Coach Conner.

Playing the Field

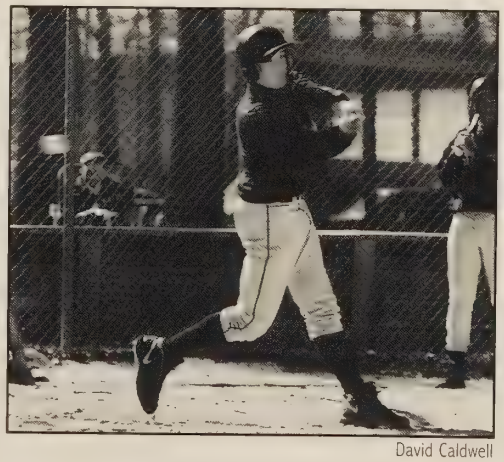
The boys' varsity and JV baseball teams started the season off with a bang. To get the season started off right, superintendent Dr. Bosher threw the first pitch of the season.

The varsity team began the season with a big victory, winning against Manchester (ranked number one in the district) by a score of 7-6. JV's biggest feat was their win against James River 9-8 at the beginning of the season. "Beating the district rival at the beginning of the season gave us a feeling of confidence that helped us go on a four game winning streak," said sophomore Pat Rogers.

Whether it was the coaches' commands or the boys' desires to win, the teams practiced hard and in the end it paid off. "Next year we're going to try out for track because we probably run more than the track team does," sophomore Adam Gregoire joked.

JV ended the season with a good record and varsity tied for first place in the district. Both teams proceeded into major tournament play. J.V. won the Midlothian Invitational tournament, a first in Bird history. Varsity beat Manchester and Clover Hill to win the Dominion District Tournament and also made it to the Central Region Tournament. " With a losing record we could have easily given up, but instead the team worked hard and it paid off,"said Coach Tingen

Success comes with hard work and dedication ,and this was proven by both teams.



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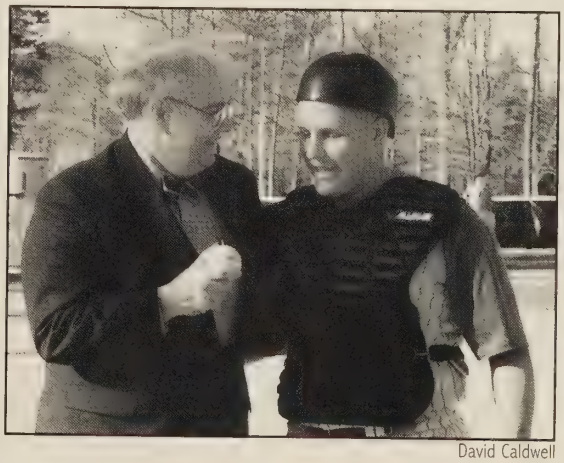
Batter up. Sophomore Chad Karr uses proper form while up at bat in an effort to send the ball far into the outfield. "One of the best things about baseball is hitting," said Karr.



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Grand Opening. Superintendent Dr. Bill Bosher has a talk with senior Donnie Field before pitching the first ball at the first game of the season. "It was a pleasure getting to meet Dr. Bosher. He was a real down to earth guy," said Field.

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

E.C. Glass	2-0
Powhatan	2-3
Manchester	4-6, 1-2
Lee Davis	2-3
James River	4-5, 7-5
Albermarle	16-0
Varina	1-3, 3-4
Hopewell	13-2, 2-0
Monacan	0-5, 3-5
Clover Hill	3-1, 5-1
Midlothian	0-2, 3-5

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Varsity Softball. Row 1: Angela Moore, Melissa Thurston, Jennifer Searle , Charis Tucker, Shelby Ray. Row 2: Jill Worsham, April Porter, Kristen Thomasson, Jennifer Fuller. Row 3: Coach Worsham, Amanda McCann, Jaime Wisegarver, Echo Hubbard Coach Barker.

Dugout Divas

Take me out to the ballgame. The Skyhawk softball teams have worked harder than ever. They definitely have the talent with ten returning players, outstanding sophomores, and a stellar freshman-Echo Hubbard-on varsity.

While shining in their new uniforms, varsity took over the fields and strived to be the best possible. Jill Worsham explained, "We started off slowly, but ended up a lot stronger at the end."

A highlight of the season belonged to Charis Tucker. She struck a ball that hit all the way to the fence. Tucker exclaimed, "I was very excited to hit the ball that far, but disappointed because if it would have gone over the fence, we would have beaten Monacan." With skills like this on varsity they were able to take over and win many rival games, such as James River: 7-5.

The girls on JV also had a great season, with student teacher Jennifer Bartholomew, assisting Coach Slaughter. She offered her expertise in softball and helped out greatly. Bartholomew explained, " Hands down, it was the best experience - getting to help work with the girls. It made the time at Bird especially memorable."

With the help of an extra hand, the JV girls were able to excel this year. Beating one of their rivals, Manchester, twice during the season was quite an accomplishment. "All the games, sliding practice, hard work and dedication paid off for all of us," said sophomore Emily Murrell.

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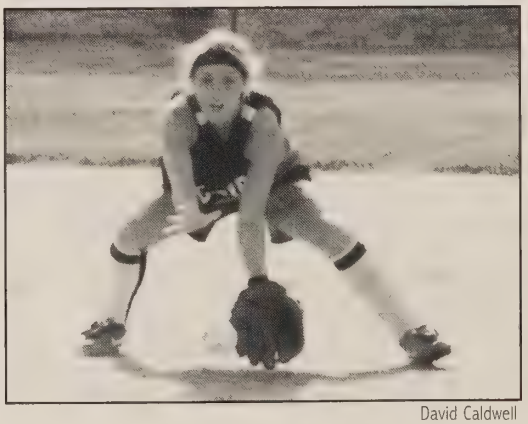
☞ *Swingin' It.* Sophomore Barbara Rose uses her skill to pitch the ball into motion. Rose said, " I think the team did a great job this year; it was fun pitching for them."



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☞ *Bringin' it in.* Junior Kristen Tomasson prepares to catch the ball and put it back in motion. Tomasson said, "Funneling the ball is always a good thing; it is a skill we practice often!"

David Caldwell

Think Fast. Senior Shelby Ray uses her quick thinking to send the ball soaring and tag someone out. Ray said, " That was an awesome game for me because I played great defensively! "

David Caldwell

High Five. Coach Jack Worsham gives a token of encouragemet to senior Charis Tucker. Tucker said, "The coaches this year were great; they really encouraged all the players to do their best and helped through it all."

David Caldwell

Open Eyes. Sophomore Nicole Wood waits in deep concentration to spring to life and help where she is needed. Wood said, "I always try to stay alert and be ready to make a move."

Season Record
(Bird scores shown first)

Manchester	3-2, 11-1
Lee Davis	5-4
James River	3-4, 1-6
Hopewell	17-3, 13-4
Monacan	7-2, 5-0
Midlothian	6-2, 2-8
Thomas Dale	16-5
Clover Hill	16-1, 7-9
Varina	9-4

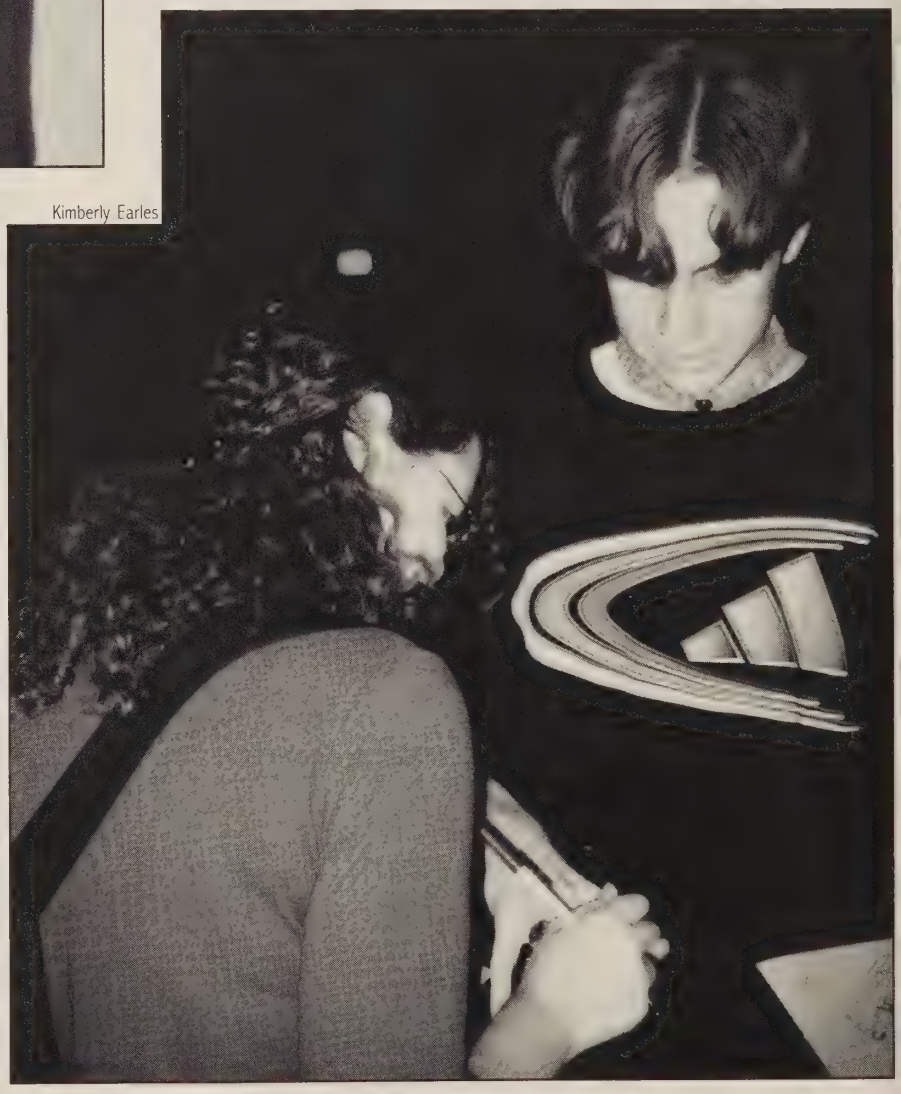
David Caldwell

JV Softball. Row 1: Barbara Rose, Aleisha Graham, Jamie Seymore, Holly Thomasson, Diane Gibbs. Row 2: Krystal Showers, Jody Abbott, Shannon Cherry, Erin Hill. Row 3: Coach Bartholomew, Adrian Gregoire, Nicole Wood, Emily Murrell, Krista Searle, Courtney Tucker, Coach Slaughter.

By Kelly D. Brinson

Jesse Overton

☜ *A Lot of Hugs.* Junior Natalie Hancock and freshman Krissy Guittar hug in the parking lot. "I hate having to say goodbye to my friends." ☝ *99 More to Go!* Juniors Tristan Jones and Tyler Lamb begin turning rings after the ring ceremony. "It was cool being the first to turn Tyler's ring," said Tristan.



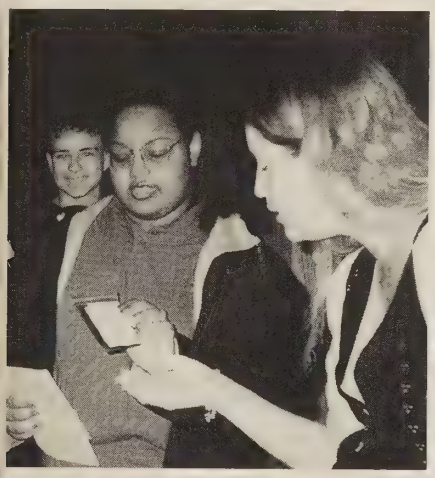
Kimberly Earles

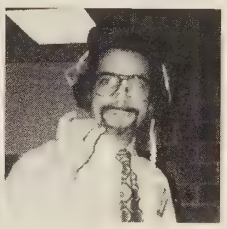
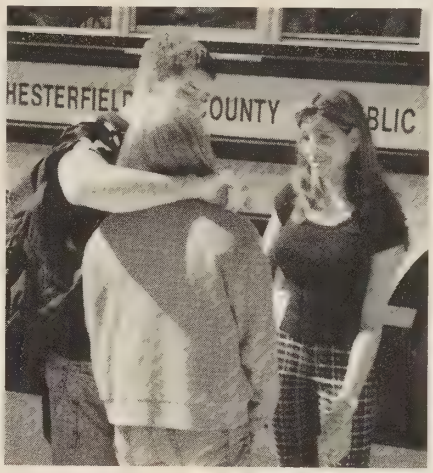
High school years are the best years of life. It is a time to first try taking charge of one's life in and out of school. Students juggle jobs, after school clubs, sports, and classes.

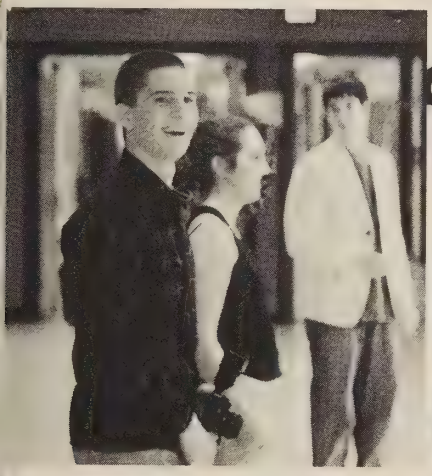
While managing the many responsibilities they are faced with, students are continuously making new friends. Together 'friends keep holding on' to these relationships.

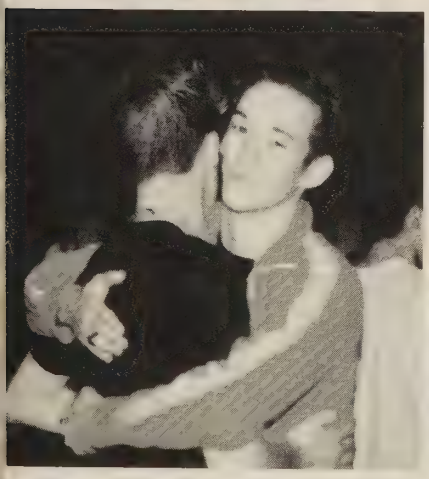
People section edited by: Elise Marie Boyd, Meredith Rae Cole and Heather Brooke Lewis

Friends Keep Holding On







Pictured from top left: Lauren Cox, Maureen McEntyre • Brandon Hawkins • Kelly Hastings • Chris Panchysyn, Thomas Lee, Matt Wagner • Kristin Sisson, Joseph Tylus, • Sam Wray, Dione Wyatt • Jennifer Hinkle • Amanda Walters • Norwood Powell • Jeremy Senn, Lindsey Callery, Shanna Gomez • Hunter Ambose, Jennifer Terrill, Matt Wagner • Ryan Inge • Lindsay Nester, Matt Bedard • Elisabeth Sowder, Michelle Taylor • Matthew Lane • Kevin Riehl, Brandon Marsh • Mike Wolfe, Chris Richardson • Angela Thomas, Shane Osterbind • Chuck Tester.

Senior Class Officers

Kris McNew

Officers: Patricia Moran, Treasurer; Cameron Dixon, Secretary; Katy Brightly, Vice President; Van Smith, President.

President: Van Smith

"I appreciate being the class leader and the class representative. I am compiling my thoughts together about what I want to say (at graduation). I want it to be good and live up to everyone's expectations."

Vice President: Katy Brightly

"The thing I enjoy about being an officer is wearing the crown on Senior Day."

Secretary: Cameron Dixon

"I like getting people involved in my class, and getting them excited about graduating."

Treasurer: Patricia Moran

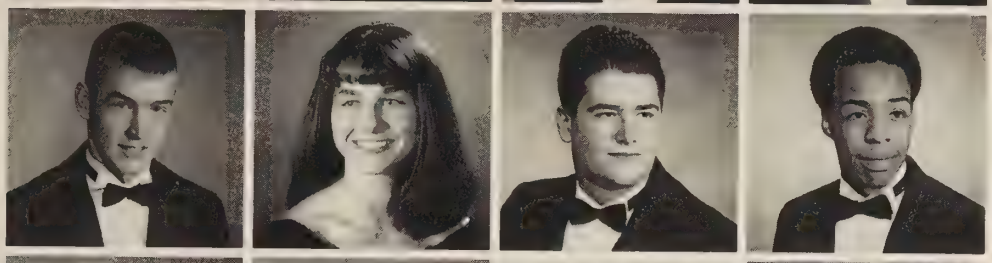
"I enjoy making the decisions, so I can decide what goes on in the class."

Brian Edward Akom: JV-Varsity Soccer 9-12, Symphonic Band 9-11, Wind Symphony 12, Marching Band 9-12

Holly Marie Allen: Deca 11-12

James Everett Allen III

Justin Thomas Anderson: NHS 11-12, Latin Club 9-12, Bible Club 9, Photo Club 12, Ecology Club 10-11, NJHS



Brian Keith Andrew

Mindy Margaret Angle: Photo Club 10, Latin Club 12, FBLA 10, Spanish Club 11, Band 9

Brandon Allen Anis

William Burton Anthony IV

Patricia Charlotte Argoe

Antonio Leon Armstrong

Olivia Anne Ballard: Photo 10-12, GVJ 11

Jonathan Bernard Banks: *A Midsummer Nights Dream* 12, WBRD 10&11, Basketball 9-12, Track 9, SETC 11

Dyana Michell Barrow

Joshua Edward Barrowclift

Lena Christine Basham

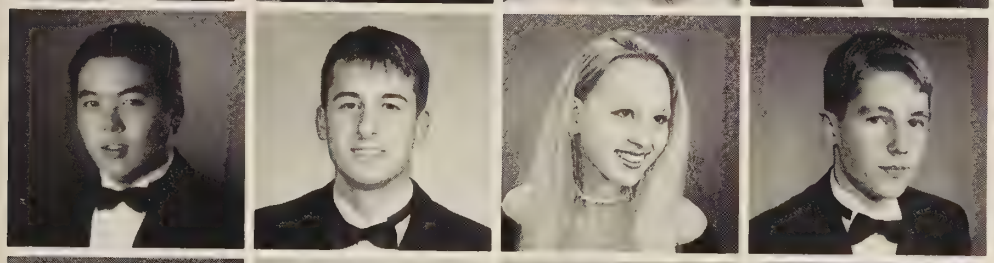
John Wesley Baskerville: Varsity Soccer 9-12, FBLA 10-12, Latin Club 11-12, SCA 12, Indoor Track 9

Matthew Francis Bedard

Robyn Elaine Bell

Ashley Lauren Bennett: JV Baseball Manager 9-10, French Club 9-12, Deca 11-12

Bradley Dean Berry: Amature Radio 11-12



Brian Matthew Bier: Varsity Football 10-12, JV Baseball 10, Spanish Club 11, Photo Club 12

Jacob Allen Bitting

Tonilynn Boehmler: Spanish Club 11-12, Homecoming Princess 12, DECA President 12, FBLA 11

Richard Scott Booker: Indoor -Outdoor Track 9-12, Cross Counrty 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Drama Club 10

Amanda Marie Boyd

Steven John Boyd: Latin Club 9-12, Ecology Club 10-11, NJHS 9-11, NHS 12, Latin HS Vice President 12, District III Chorus 9, Latin Club Editor 12

Sherrell Nichole Branch

Kathryn Elizabeth Brightly: Rhapsody 9-12, Class V.P. 11-12

Kristin Michelle Broughton: Field Hockey 9&11, Latin Club 11-12, Mu Alpha Theta 11-12, NJHS 9-10, NHS 11-12, Photo Club 12, Japanese HS 9-11

Lashonda Michelle Brown: Varsity Basketball 9-10&12, Varsity Track 9-12, TSA 12, FBLA 12, Bird Steppers

Tiana Montese Brown

Michael Christopher Bryson

Sarah Rebecca Buckland

Leona Lanette Burke: Volleyball 9-12, SCA 12, Drama Club 9, Key Club 12

Mishlyn Bush

Charles Matthew Butler: Drama Club 9-12, Thespian Society 10-12, VTA 12, Sudden Image 11-12, Mads. 12

Christine Cherrie Cadran

James Newton Cale Jr.: National Art HS 10-12, Latin Club 12, TSA 11-12

Lindsey Bales Callery

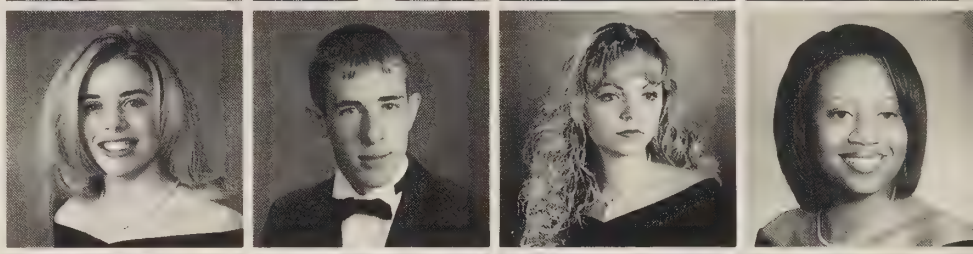
Joel Carneal: Spanish Club 10-11, Key Club 10

Shannon DeFaye Carneal: Latin Club 9-11, FBLA 11-12

John Wayne Carrington Jr.

Christina Michelle Carter

Denisha Latray Carter: SCA 9-12, SEEK 11-12, Latin Club 11-12, DECA 10-12, Track (outdoor) 11-12, Reflections 11-12,GVJ 12



Laurie Elizabeth Carver

William Lamont Cary

Paul Dennis Cassada: Baseball 9-12, Football 9-11, Latin Club 9-12, NJHS 10, NHS 11-12

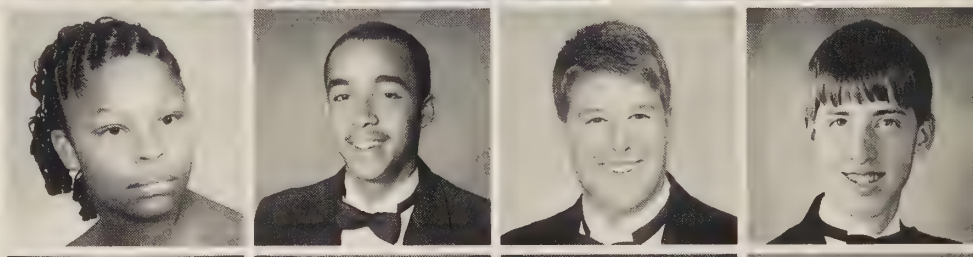
Melissa Sue Chappell: Latin Club 9-11, Marching Band 9-12, Key Club 10-12, Envirothon 12

Stephanie Diane Charlson: DECA 12

Barron Amandis Cheatham Jr.

Gordon Giles Chisholm: Varsity Soccer 11, SCA 9-12, Latin Club 11-12, French Club 9-10, SEEK 9-10&12, Golf 10

Andrew Mercer Clark

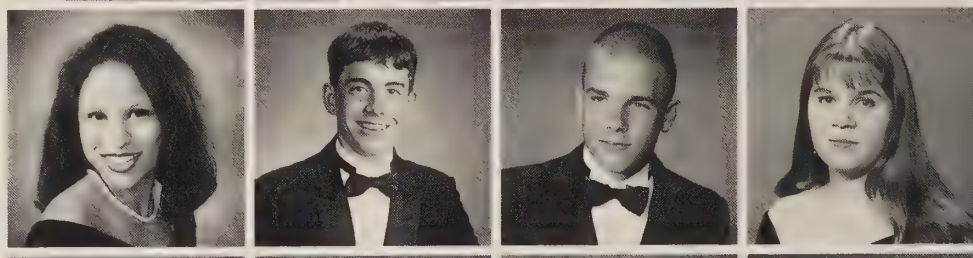


Crystal Chandrese Clark

Jason Warren Clark: Marching Band 9-10, Latin Club Historian 11, Latin Club 10-11, Yearbook 11-12, Jazz Band 10

Thomas Edward Claytor Jr.: Varsity Soccer 10-12, Latin Club 11-12, SCA 12

Kristin Michelle Clemens: Mads. 11-12, GVJ 10&12, Reflections 11-12, NHS 11-12, Mu Alpha Theta 12



Christine Lynn Clements

Joshua Ryan Cloudt: *Joseph...* 10, Newspaper 12,NHS 12, Drama Club 12

Miranda Corrine Cobbs

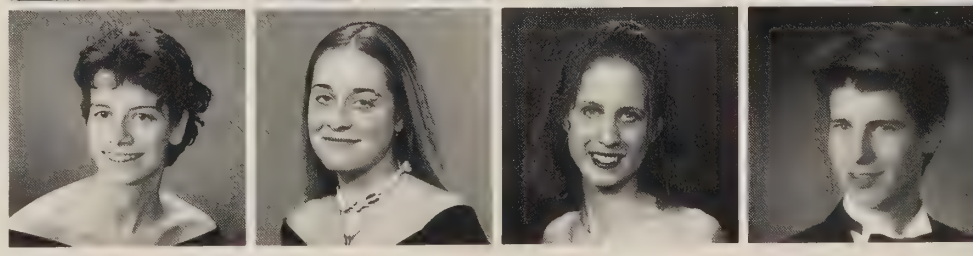
Samantha Michelle Collier: JV Baseball 9, Track 9-12, Academic Team 12, NHS 11-12, NJHS 9-10, Latin Club 10-12, Spanish Club 11-12

Mary Linda Collins: French Club 11-12

Shannon Kathleen Conway

Tina Lynn Corbett

Brett Robert Correale: WASP 12



Put Your Hands Together For...

Ron Field

Ron Field has been in Sudden Image for four years. He likes the class but he says he was tricked into it.

" I was working the camera for the show choir try-outs and Ms. Furgerson told me to do a box step. I did, and then she told me I was in Show Choir."

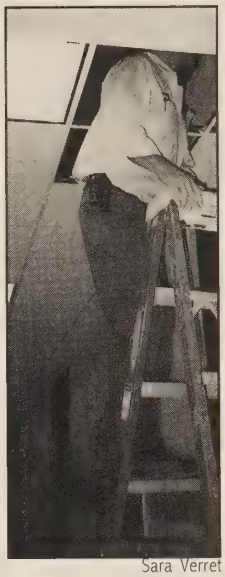
Ron said that he was "extremely honored" to be in a class usually reserved for upperclassmen when he was just a freshman. Now that he is a senior, the experience of four years is paying off.

Ashley Matthews

Show-stopper. Ron Field (left) dances at an assembly for a screaming student body. "It's very enjoyable to watch -- it makes you want to get up and dance!" said junior Amalia Herald.

Elise Boyd

Peek-A-Boo. One of Bird's temporary residents (a construction man) installs drop outlets in the English wing. "I like the extra shelving," said Mrs Bova about the ladders.



Sara Verret

Mission Impossible. Cafeteria worker Linda Hughes guards the Coke machine. "I was thirsty," she said. "I wondered if anyone was watching."

Yummy! Dustin Miller's PEZ collection numbers up to 200!! "I once payed $30 for a set {of Pez} from Canada," said Dustin of his pocket expense.

Becky Ebert

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Prepare to soar. Gorgeous butterflies cover the room of junior Becky Fritz. How many are there? "I can't count that high," joked Becky.

Knick-Knack Attack

By Becky Ebert and Elise Boyd

Collecting has been a passion of many for years and years. Every person has their own tastes and styles. While some collect stamps, coins, and gum wrappers, others decide on more unique ideas.

Junior Dustin Miller collects widely loved Pez dispensers. From Bugs Bunny to the anteater from the Pink Panther, Dustin has acquired over 200 in the two years of his collecting. Dustin also claims there are still more he's like to get, such as a Winnie the Pooh. "I'd pay up to $85 for that one," he said. What a pretty penny for a candy holder.

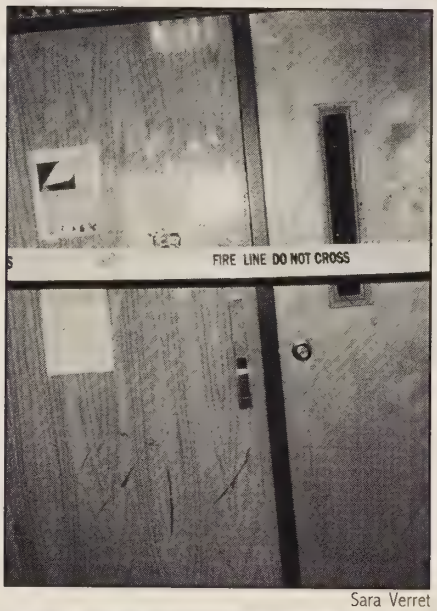
> **"I saw it in a store and I told him to get it, and he did."**

Teachers have different passions too. English teacher Mrs. Judith McFarlane collects Steinbeck nutcrackers. In twenty years of collecting, she has acquired twenty-six of these wooden treasures. "The first one I got from my husband for Christmas. I saw it in a store and I told him to get it, and he did!" she said. Mrs. McFarlane has also spent quite a bit of money on her passion. Her most expensive nutcracker, from Germany, cost $200 or more.

Other interesting collecting crazes are candles, frogs, smiley faces, baseball cards, and Precious Moments figurines. But no matter what the passion, true collectors stick with their items through thick and thin, no matter what the price or how much it clutters their room.

By Jason Clark

The Woodstove. When the auditorium caught on fire in November, Jana Stewart looked at it optimistically. "On a good note, it's a good way to clean house."



Sara Verret

Angela Howsmon

Where's Monica? Junior Craig Smith gives a thumbs up in Ms. Glaser's science class during Halloween. "I did not have relations with that woman," said Bill Clinton (Craig Smith).

Put Your Hands Together For...

Margaret "Kat" Hanvey

Ms. Hanvey

One Kool Kat. Margaret Hanvey likes working at Lucy Corr nursing home. She said, "It is a beneficial situation because I helped myself by helping others."

Karing Kat. Senior Margaret aka "Kat" Hanvey has been volunteering at the Lucy Corr Nursing Home for four years helping residents and other volunteers.

When she first started she transported the residents around the home and worked with the "alert" patients. Soon she was moved to a program called Success Therapy, where she tries to reach comatose patients through sound and touch. "Usually I look for movement in the eyes," she said.

Hanvey earns a great deal of intrinsic rewards at LCNH, such as meeting new friends, knowing that she has made a difference in someone's life, and learning to be patient with people. "I get a feeling of serenity that is untouchable," said Kat.

What does it take to make you laugh?

"Jean Geary" **STACIE KIBILOSKI**-- Senior

"When people trip and fall while trying to act cool." **CHRIS JONES** --Freshman

"Van Madison playing with stuffed animals." **MATT WAGNER**-- Senior

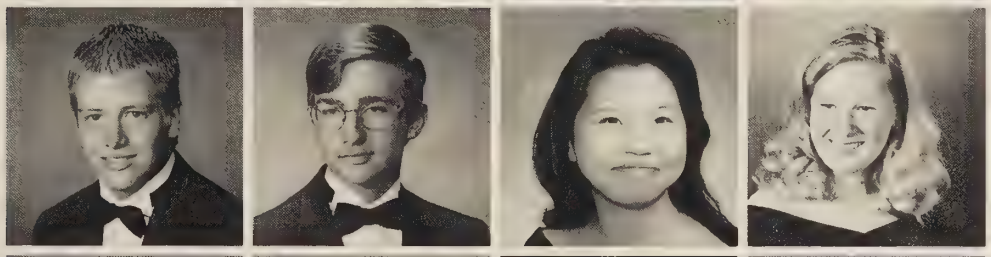
"When my boyfriends fight over me." **JEAN GEARY**-Senior

Stephen Walter Craft
Ellen Nicole Crittenden
Rondalyn Lyvette Crosby
Kimberly Jamel Cutler: SCA 12, SEEK 12, Reflections 9-10&12, Show Chior 11&12

Amy Marie Daniel
Jamie Linn Davis
Ann Marie Deal: DECA 12
Ubense Seth Delacruz

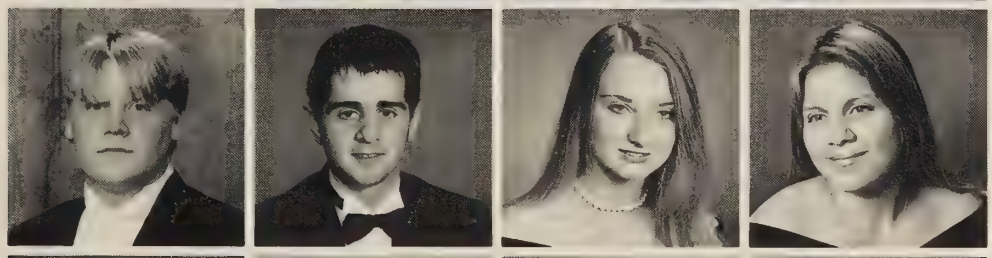
David Andrew Denoff
Adam Joseph Digiacomo
Cameron Nicole Dixon: Cheering 10&12, Class Secretary 9-12, S.C.A. 9-12, Spanish Club 9&10, Latin Club 11&12, Renaissance 11
Jason Dean Dodson

Zakiyya Niamah Donovan
Kimberly Faith Earles: Spanish Club 11, SCA 9&10, SEEK 9&10, Chorus/Show Choir 9&11-12, Yearbook Editor-in-Chief 12, Yearbook People Editor 11
Jeffery David Earley: Varsity Baseball 10, Varsity Football 10&11
Ranae Ann Eberle



Eric Jason Eichenlaub
Nicholas Ryan Elder
Moona Sok Em: Ecololgy Club 10&11, FBLA 10-12, HIstory Club 11, Key Club 11&12, Latin Club 9-12, Latin HS 11&12, Mu Alpha Theta 11&12, NHS 11&12, SCA 10, SEEK 10
Kimberly Michelle England
Jennifer Lynn Estes: NAHS 10-12, Art Club Treasurer 11, Photo Club 11&12
Francesca Damiana Evola: Drama Club 9-12, Drama Club V.P. 12, Key Club 11&12, Dr. Faustus 9, A Christmas Carol 11, VTA 12, Thespian Society 11&12, Midsummer Night's Dream 12
Chad Edward Farlow: Football 9-11
Donald Melvin Field Jr: JV Baseball 9&10, Varsity Baseball 10&11, Show Choir 10&11

Ronald James Field Jr: Show Choir 9-12, Football 9&10
Lucas M. Fillman
Tracey Lee Finley: 4-H Club 9-12, DECA 11&12
Amanda Joy Flores



Jeremy Franqui
John Aubrey Gardner
Debra Lynn Gardner
Tiffany Lamar Garrison: Colorguard 10-12, Chorus 10&12, Crimesolver's Board 9-12, Drama Club 9&10, Yearbook 11, Newspaper 12

Jennifer Lynn Gayness

Jean Terese Geary: Soccer 9-12,Field hockey 9&11-12, Softball 9-10, Photo club 12, Keyclub 12

Annie Elizabeth Gill: Cross Country 9-10,Track 9, SCA 12, Key Club 12, JNHS 9-10, NHS 11-12

Brandon Kirby Gillette

Ronnie Dale Glass Jr.

William Christopher Graham

Khilia Tyese Graves: Cheerleading 9-12, National Art Honor Society 11-12, Art Club 10-12, Crime solvers board Member 10-12, Key Club 12, Latin Club 10-11, Spanish Club 9, Track 9, Drama Club 9

Derrik Seddon Griner

Matthew James Grinter

Lindsey Gayle Halbert: Tennis 9-10, Yearbook 11-12, Cheerleading 12, Chorus 9-10

Jeffrey Stephan Halbig: NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 11-12, Mu Alpha Theta 11-12, Spanish Honors Society 10-12, Indoor Track 9,

Laurie Ann Hall

Margaret Elizabeth Hanvey: FBLA 10&12, French Club 9, Latin 10&11, Bible Club 9

Nathaniel Torres Hardin

James Ryan Harding

Charles Barret Harmer

Kelly Baker Hastings: Key Club 10-12, Crimesolvers 9-12, Show Choir 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12,Latin Club 10-12, Debate Team 12, History Club 11, SEEK At Bellwood 11, National Honor Society 11-12

Brandon Taylor Hawkins

Megan Elizabeth Haynie: SCA 9-11, Marching Band 10-12, Art Club 11-12, NAHS 11-12, SEEK 11, Prom Committee 11

Michele Marcie Hebron

Brandi Michelle Henry: Soccer 9-11, Volleyball 9-12, SCA 12, FBLA 12, Spanish Club 11, Show Choir9-12, P.R.I.D.E 9-12

Steven Marcus Herrin

Crystal Carrol Hinkle: Deca Club 12

Jennifer Bernadette Hinkle

Danielle Lanee Hoggard

Wendy Mae Horner

Dana Nicole Howell

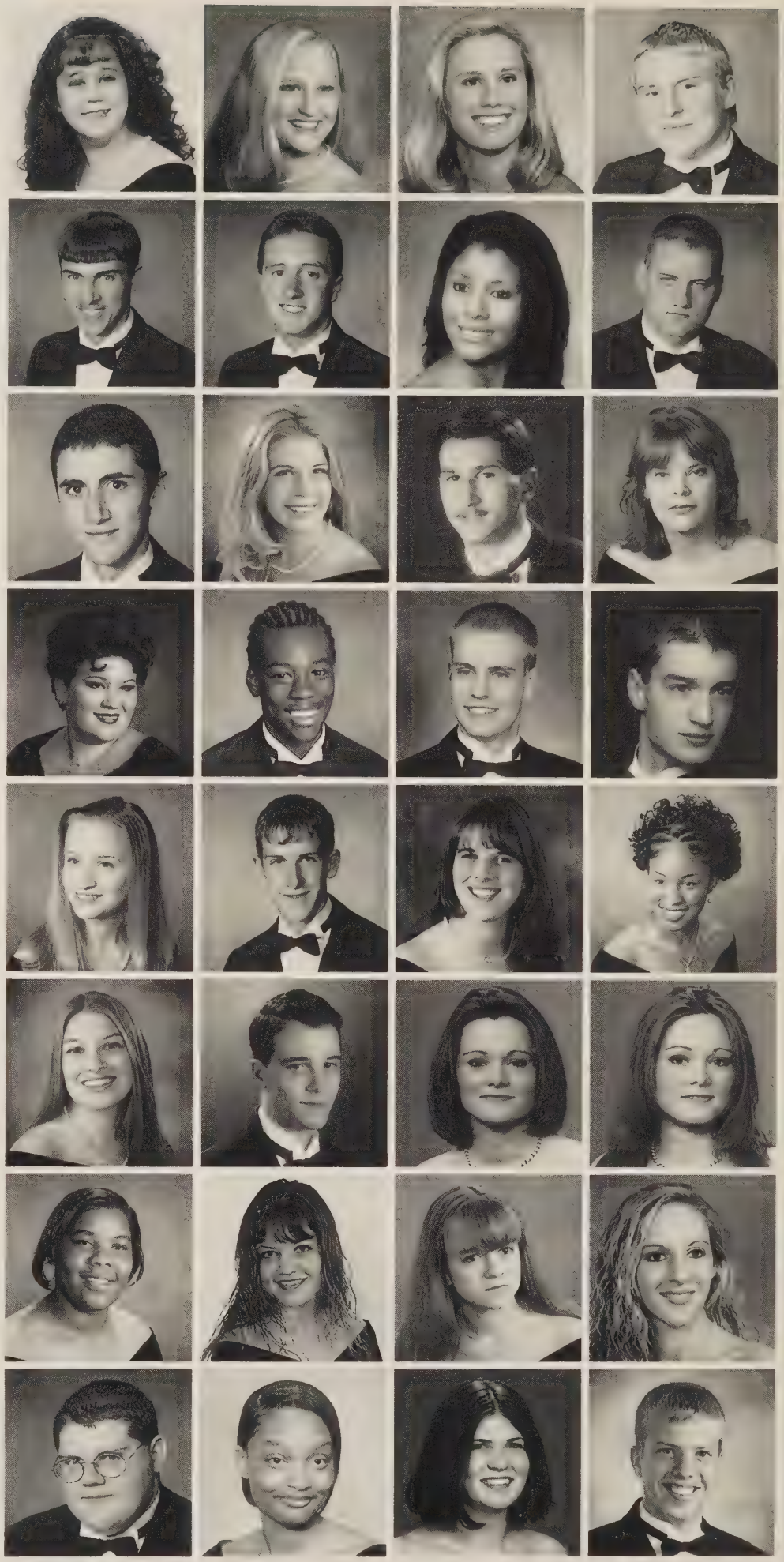
Tara Brooke Hoyle

Randy Charles Hubbard Jr

Tanesha Rashia Hughes: Spanish Club 10-11

Katherine Elizabeth Hume: FBLA 11-12, Bible Club 9-12, Key Club 12, Orchestra 9-10

Mathew James Hundley



Time to talk. Seniors Stacie Kibiloski and Lex Watson finally get a chance to talk. Kibiloski commented, "Lex finally got a second to tell me about his volleyball game."

Kenya Brown

Shelly Lichvar

Say Cheese! "When I'm in the commons that's when I'm the most comfortable, because I'm with my friends." said junior Randy Fleming.

Put Your Hands Together For...
Kelly Hastings

There she is...! Imagine the excitement of being a nominee for Miss Chesterfield County, and being able to represent Bird while doing it.

Senior Kelly Hastings was definitely surprised when Dr. Baskerville presented her with the news. "There were a lot of girls who could have been chosen. I was honored that I was selected" said Kelly.

The pageant was held on September 1, 1998 at the Chesterfield County fairgrounds. Kelly had to model in evening and sportswear. The one thing she didn't like was "reciting a speech on violence in schools in front of a crowd." Not coming in at first place did not discourage her. "We were all evenly matched, and we all did very well." she said. As far as doing it again, "If I were selected again, I'd love to do it."

Susan Hastings

I Want to Be a Supermodel. Kelly Hastings admits that being Miss Chesterfield County is not all about looks; "It was mainly based on academics , poise, and speaking ability," she said.

Common Scents
By Kenya Brown

Lighting candles and incense can create a calm and mellow mood. For some, like Mrs. Furgerson, it's just a way to "make the house smell so good."

"I light my candles when I need to relax. I'll just put on some mellow music and dance," said sophmore Janaia Cormier. She prefers the foating candles, but many choose theirs strictly by the scent. Apple spice, mulberry, french vanilla, and honey dew, are just a few of the wide selections of scented candles.

> "I light my candles when I need to relax. I'll just put on some mellow music and dance."

Places like Kirklands and Wicks-n-Sticks offer a new variety of candles, such as cake candles and dripless candles. Brian Nalder's mom spends her free time collecting candles. He doesn't mind them laying all around the house, "especially the smelly kind."

Tonisha Harrison said that lighting incense is an everyday thing for her. "It helps me deal with stress, I light one right when I get home from school." Jason Vicente agreed that they help him relax, and make his room smell good for a long time.

Both items are great for decorating. Not only do they provide a long lasting aroma, buy they also add a peaceful atmosphere to the house.

The Dungeon Family. Only the real creative candles can catch Colleen Ball's eye. "I've never been into candles and incense, but now I have them all over my room." she said.

Kenya Brown

Kenya Brown

Space Age. Wicks-N-Sticks offers candles that are on another level. "A lit candle always makes it easier for me to collect my thoughts," said freshman Sam Saville.

Seniors Speak Out

By Kelly Brinson and Candice Cobb

1."You never know you're in love until you feel the heartbreak afterwards." **Brett Correale**

2."While I am gone don't mess with my sister or I'll come back for you." **Brian Bier**

3."Don't let petty arguments ruin true friendships."**Ashley McLaurin**

4."Let at least one person out in the parking lot."**Annie Gill**

5. "Trust only your true friends and cherish them always. It's funny how from simple things the best things begin." **Heather Lewis**

6. "Life is what happens while you're making other plans." **Collette Ross**

7. "Start acting your real age instead of your shoe size." **Gordon Chisholm**

8. "Put off what you can do today until tomorrow." **Sarah Tomlinson**

9. "They talk about you because they want to be like you. Never let them hold you down." **Michele Hebron**

10. "Go to bed one night at 9, actually study once, smile at your teachers, pretend you're happy when you're at school-it will make you have a better day." **Kelly Hastings**

"It's finally over!" **Jamie Allen**

"The most valuable accolade one can obtain is not an impressive GPA, or identification with a specific social group. No, the most valuable achievement in life is acquiring a reputable character. Life without character is no life at all." **Justin Anderson**

"Thanks for getting a new gym after we already left!" **Josh Barrowclift**

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." *Oliver Wendell Holmes* **Wes Baskerville**

"Be careful of false friends and take everything with a grain of salt." **Amanda Boyd**

"It will all be over soon." **Paul Cassada**

"Misfortune turns to knowledge, and knowlegde turns to strength. Strength helps you move on and move on is what I did." *ETAC* **Jason Clark**

"Don't worry, be happy... and laugh every day." **TJ Claytor**

"Smile. It will make you feel better if you are having a bad day." **Kristin Clemens**

"You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you." *Phillipians 4:13* **David Denoff**

"If you think education is painstaking try ignorance." **Bobby Duffer**

"To all future AP English students: 'Abandon all hope ye who enter here."'*Dante* **Eric Eichenlaub**

"In life, remember that winners set goals and underdogs make excuses." **Moona Em**

"Live life to the fullest. If an opportunity arises, don't miss out, take the chance and just have fun with it." **Kimberly England**

"Don't use the word friend too liberally. Keep few friends and leave the rest as acquaintances." **Jennifer Estes**

"True happiness comes from serving others." **Tiffany Garrison**

"Pray!" **Brandon Gibson**

"Be smart, study hard, graduate in style!" **Dale Glass**

"Trust yourself, because you are the best and only person to trust." **Khilia Graves**

"Guys suck!" **Lindsey Halbert**

"Take a study hall... a good time to sleep!" **Charlie Harmer**

"Be yourself." **Jonathan Hewlett**

"Do your work. Pay attention to your teachers. It's easy to be a dummy but it really takes someone to do well. Stay in school and make use of it." **Angie Jernell**

"Try hard now so you can slack later." **Jay Jones**

"Independence is for the very few; it is a privilege of the strong. And whoever attempts it even with the best right but without inner constraint proves that he is not only strong but also daring to the point of recklessness." *Neitzche* **Stacie Kibiloski**

"Follow your heart and it will lead you in the right direction." **Melissa King**

"I not only use all the brain I have, but all I can borrow."*Woodrow Wilson* **Shannon Kluttz**

"Work hard and do good early in high school so that you can slack off your senior year." **Steven Knight**

"Don't play leapfrog with a unicorn." **Jeremy Knight**

"Skipping school is more addictive than heroine." **Michael Lantz**

"Anything that can go wrong will go wrong." *Murphy's Law* **Matt Lloyd**

"Remember to keep your eye on the finish line as you jump the hurdles of life." **Christina Lucas**

"Don't spend your life worrying about what everyone else thinks of you...live life and have fun, you only live once." **Brandy Lyman**

"Say what you have to say and not what you ought." *HD Thoreau* **Vann Madison**

"Keep on top of all work or you will have to pay!" **Vishal Mangray**

"Keep you mouth shut and worry about your own life, everyone gets along that way." **Shannon McAnelly**

"Choose carefully, many of the decisions made during your senior year will affect the rest of your life." **Matt McHugh**

"What you need and what you want are two different things, but what's good for you is what counts." **Nikki Mincoff**

"All things are difficult before they are easy." **Betsy Mitchell**

"Never underestimate the power of the faculty." **Chris Morris**

"Smile, because you'll never know who loves it." **Jason Myers**

"Whatever you do in life, put God first. If you trust in his son Jesus, you will never go wrong. We are not "X" generation, but the 'chosen' generation." **Tim Neville**

"Don't wait until the last minute to do something." **Bri Newton**

"May happiness come in your life, but your high school can make it more happier if you take it seriously." **Ketki Patel**

"Even black clouds have a silver lining. School seems horrible now but it will definitely pay off in the long run." **Chrissy Poythress**

"Never give up." **April Revell**

"Life moves by pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around for awhile, you might miss it." **Brian Ross**

"Love everyone, trust few." **Ragan Sanderson**

"Life is short. Be happy." **Jennifer Searle**

"Fast cars, fast women, and more fast cars." **Mark Smith**

"Although thousands may prophesy failure; start to sing as you tackle the thing 'that cannot be done' and you will do it!" *Edgar Guest* **Van Smith**

"From time to time, things come and go, how we'll be in the end, we just don't know." **David Somariva**

"Live life hard and fast." **Aaron Starnes**

"Always remember who your true friends are, you will never know when you need them." **Erin Sutton**

"Apply yourself in as many areas as possible and you will probably discover talents and abilities that you didn't even know you had." **Andy Tarantino**

"Don't ignore someone in need." **Paola Valencia**

"Watch out who you trust, because they might stab you in the back." **Justin Vaughan**

"Take advantage of all the opportunities you can. Don't let anything pass you by." **Nicole Weaver**

"You only live life once, so live life to the fullest." **Tammy Williams**

David Francisco Irizarry

Christopher Riley Irving: NJHS 9-10, Mu Alpha Theta 11-12, Volleyball 9-12, Soccer 9-11, Drafting/CAD 11-12

Chad Michael Jackson

Cynthia Dione Jackson

James Rufus Jefferson Jr.

Connie Lee Jennings: Band 9-10, Latin Club 10-12

Tiffany Michelle Jensen

Angela Marie Jernell

Brian Paul Jones

James Bolling Jones III: Volleyball 9-10&12, Photo Club 12, Soccer 12

Matthew Gregory Jones: Debate 12, Latin Club 9-12, Drama Club 9-11, SEEK 10-11

Robin Michelle Jones: Basketball 9-10, African American Studies Club 9-12, Latin Club 12, Gospel Choir 10-12, SCA 9-12, SEEK 10-11, Volleyball Mngr 9, Renissance 12

Jermaine Anwar Judson

Andrea Tilea Keith: Gospel Choir 10-11, African American Club 11-12, Track 11, DECA 11, Renassiance 11-12.

Stacie Anderson Kibiloski: Field Hockey 11- 12, Photo Club 11-12, Cross Country 9-10, NAHS 11-12, Key Club 10-11

Mark Landon King

Melissa Anne King: SCA 9-10, Show Choir 10-12, Jazz Choir 11-12, *Tommy* 12, SEEK 9-10

Stacey Leigh King

Tracey Renee Kitchen

Wendy Lorraine Kitts: FBLA 10-12, SCA 9-10, 12, Renissance 11-12

Shannon Elizabeth Kluttz: Marching Band 10-12, Jazz Band 12, Key Club 10-11, Debate 9-10&12, Yearbook 11

Jonathan Joseph Knapp

Jeremy Mark Knight

Steven Reginald Knight: African American Studies Club 11-12, DECA 11, Basketball 9-12, Key Club 12, Sudden Image 12

Jeffrey Phillip Koenig

Matthew Duncan Lane

Michael Lynn Lantz

Thomas S. Lee: Tennis 9-12, Latin Club 9-12, NJHS 9-10, NHS 11-12, Orchestra 9-12

Heather Brooke Lewis: SCA 9-11, Yearbook 11-12, Key Club 11, Sudden Image 12, NJHS 9, Rhapsody 11, Jazz Choir 9-10

Jasmine Chari Lewis

Rachelle Marie Lichvar: Field Hockey 10-12, Track 10-11, Key Club 10-12, FBLA 12, SCA 12, Yearbook 11-12, Band 9-10, NJHS 9-10, NHS 12

Erin Nicole Lindsay

Elizabeth Marie Linthicum

Sara Ashlee Little: Field Hockey 9-11, Reflections 9-10, Sudden Image 11

William Matthew Lloyd: Cross country 11-12, Indoor track 10-12, outdoor track 10-12, Football 10, Latin Club 9-12

Christina Ann Lucas: Latin Club 9-10+12, GVJ 11, Reflections 12, color guard 11-12

Brandy Joann Lyman

Vann Elliott Madison

Vishal Kiron Mangray

Vernina Joy Mangus: Orchestra 9-10, Key Club 12, Soccer 11, Basketball 9-10, Latin Club 12, Spanish Club 9-10, Questers Program 9-10

Monica Lee Manuel

Timothy Cameron Marsh: Field Hockey Manager 12, Mu Alpha Theta 12, NHS 11-12

Jason Anthony Martin

Joseph David Martin

Shannon Nicole McAnelly: Volleyball 10-12, Latin Club 9-11, Latin H S 11-12, Photo Club 12

Monique Chang McBride

Cynthia Renee McGonigal: FBLA 12, FHA 9-10, Global Studies 11, History Club 12

Matthew Kyle McHugh: Golf Team 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, NJHS 9-10, Mu Alpha Theta 11-12, Academic Team 12

Ashley Elizabeth McLaurin: Colorguard 11-12, Photo Club 12, Drama Club 9-10, Orchestra 9-12

Kristopher Troy McNew: SCA 12, "A Christmas Carol" 11

Lewis Earl Medlin

Tonya Renee Miles

Tiffany Lashae Miller

Betsy Virginia Mitchell: Cross Country 9-12 (Cpt.), Indoor Track 10-12, Outdoor Track 9-12, Latin Club 11-12, Photo Club 11

Angela Lynn Moore: Sftball 9-12, Volleyball 9-12, French Club 9-11, SCA 11, Basktball 9, Drama Club 9

Patricia Elizabeth Moran

Abby Jo Morris

Christopher James Morris

Zakiya Adjua Mudiwa: Latin Club 11-12, Spanish Club 10+12, Mu Alpha Theta 11-12, NJHS 9-10, NHS 11-12, Spanish Honors Society 10-12, SCA 9-12, SEEK 9-12

Jeric Ramon Murphy: Football 9-12, Track 9-12, Band 9-11

Jason Britt Myers

Adam John Nalder

Brian Edward Nalder

Meredith Theresa Ness: Varsity Cheerleader 12, Band 9-12, French Club 11

What song best describes you?

"Still not A player!"
SHANE FLANAGAN
--Junior

"Barbie Girl!"
BRITTANY WELCH
--Freshman

"Brickhouse"
EMILY MURREL
--Sophomore

"Pretty Fly For A White Guy!"
BLAKE DENNY
--Freshman

By Kelly Brinson

Kelly Brinson

Double Trouble. Hunter Ambrose and Heather McCormack. come dressed 2 kill.

David Brinson

Fun in the sun. Sabrina Gregory and Mandy Devine love riding on a friend's jet ski. Sabrina said," I love riding with them, even though the ride gets crazy sometimes."

Kelly Brinson

Wheee! There are many unique ways to cure boredom. "It's better than sitting on the couch," said Johnna Elms. "You just whip out the blanket and start sliding!"

Put Your Hands Together For... Van Smith

Van The Man. Senior Van Smith, has been involed in Revolutionary War re-enactments for five years with the Fronteirsman Camping fellowship. It all started when he joined a boys program through his church called Royal Rangers. He was influenced to start because of his love for history. To be chosen he had to pass two fraternity-like all night tests to demonstrate certain skills such as first aid and Bible knowledge.

When Van found out he had made it, he was very happy and looked forward to four rendevous a year. "Being inolved in this requires dedication to the program," Van said. He plans to stick with it!

Red Smith

Back in the day. Van Smith, standing with friends and family, takes a trip back in time to the days of the Revolutionary War.

Where To Go? Senior Kim Cutler looks through some pictures of Loyola. "I would love to go to Loyola," Kim said, "but I'm not that rich."

Sara Verret

Sara Verret

Ready For Bootcamp? Junior Nicole Jones talks with a representative from VMI. "I was hitting on the VMI rep... I asked him if I could take him home with me!" said Nicole.

A Collage of Colleges

By Jason Clark

College...final frontier. The choice of deciding which college to attend and what to study is a tough decision for graduating seniors. There are community colleges, junior colleges, and universities from which students choose that best reflect them and what they want to do. Sarah Little plans to attend John Tyler for two years, then transfer to VCU to focus on her major. The transfer scenario is very common for students, but others like the idea of staying at a four year university.

Choosing the right four year university can be difficult, and the most common deciding factor is choice of major. Junior Shawn Snyder plans on attending Virginia Tech, because he wants to focus on electrical engineering.

> "I chose Mary Washington because it's near the best skate park in Virginia."

Junior Cortney Puster wants to go to Randolph Macon to be a lawyer. "I know that I will do well because I have a big mouth," said Puster.

While many students know what they want to major in when they get into college, other students are undecided on what to pursue. Senior Jeremy Senn says he's attending VCU, and would like to be an engineer, but is unsure of what field to pursue.

Senior Josh Cloudt is to attend Mary Washington College, but doesn't know what to major in. "I chose Mary Washington because it's near the best skate park in VA," said Josh. The choice of colleges can be hard, but with the right frame of mind, and knowing what you want can help.

Put Your Hands Together For...

Dean Weeks

Bentley Cobb

Bangin' on the Bongos. Senior Dean Weeks shows his skills during a Richmond Spider's home football game in which the Skyhawk Marching Band performed.

Dynamic Dean. Senior Dean Weeks has been banging on the drums since the ripe young age of three. Weeks said he began after seeing his cousin play when he was two, and a year later he had his first drum. When Weeks first began learning to play and read music, he had many tutors. One in particular gave him advice that Dean still stands by, "No matter how good you get, there is always someone better. Never stop striving."

Weeks gets "a feeling of power," when he plays and says he feels like he's in his own world. Weeks is also taking his musical talents to the next level: the Marines' marching band. Weeks plans to play the drums indefinitely. "When I stop breathing, I'll stop playing," said Dean.

Elise Boyd

Hallelujah. Freshman Nathaniel Yielding, and Meadowbrook student Jared Davis have a jam session at Webber Baptist Church. "I play the sax for Jesus," said Nathaniel.

Lindsay Ryan Nester: Drama Club 9-11, Key Club 11-12, History Club 11, Ecology Club 10-11, Crime Solvers 12

Timothy Lamont Neville

Brianne Faith Newton

Ying Chun Sophia Ni

Lewis Carlton Nichols III: Latin Club 9-12, Varsity Soccer 9-12, Photo Club 9-11, Drama Club 9&10

William Bell Norfleet: Marching Band 9-11, Cross Country 9-10, Thespian Society 11-12, Drama Club 10-12, Indoor/Outdoor Track 9-10, Forensics 12, NJHS 9-10, Academic Team 11-12, *A Christmas Carol*

Sharon Danelle Nunnally

Ashley Leeann Oliver

Atima Omara-Alwala: Drama Club 12, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* 12, Renaissance 11-12, Literary Magazine 11-12, French Club 10-12, Debate 10-12, Latin Club 11-12

Christopher Shane Osterbind: Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10-12, FBLA 11, TSA 10-12, Mu Alpha Theta 11-12, Spanish HS 10-12, NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 11-12, Show Choir 12

David Matthew Osterbind

Renee Lynne Osterbind: Orchestra 9-12, Reflections 12, JV Soccer 10, SEEK 11

Nicole Diane Owen: Rhapsody 11-12, JV Cheerleader 10, FBLA 11-12, Key Club 12, SCA 12, Renaissance 12

Valeatha Parker

Carrie Michelle Parnell: DECA 11-12

Larry Columbus Phillips II

Samantha Lauren Pierce: Color Guard 10-12 (Captain 11-12), Sudden Image 11-12, NHS 11-12

Joseph Adam Pippen

Grøtel Poulsen: Marching Band 9-12, Drum Line Captain 12

Christina Rose Poythress: Drama Club 9, Latin Club 9-10, NJHS 9-10, Photo Club 11, SEEK 11, Key Club (VP 11) (Pres. 12), Marching Band 9-12, NHS 11-12

Pratik Prasai: Cross Country 10-12,

Daedrae Gale Pulley

Angela Lynn Puryear

Christina Lee Randall: Key Club 12, NHS 12, Latin Club 11-12, French Club 9-11, Mu Alpha Theta 10, Cheerleader 10

Shelby Marie Ray

Melissa Erin Reams: Marching Band 9-12

Sarah Elizabeth Rebel

April Michelle Revell

Eric Andrew Richardson

Kevin Kyle Riehl

Thomas Lee Richardson

Anthony Patrick Roach: Marching Band 9-11

Brian Joseph Roberts

Brian Keith Roberts

Jennifer Lynn Robertson: Incredible Hawk: Assistant Editor 12, Key Club 12, *Our Town* 10

Royal Larry Robinson, Jr.

Brian Matthew Ross : JV Volleyball 9, Var. Volleyball 10-12, TSA 10-12, NHS 11-12, NJHS 9-10, Latin Club 9-10, National Latin HS 10, Mu Alpha Theta 11-12, Band 9

Collette Nicole Ross : NHS 11-12, Key Club 9-10& 12, SCA 10&12, Indoor & Outdoor Track 9-10, Band 9, Spanish Club 9-10

Justin Patrick Ruble

Marjorie Ragan Sanderson: Peer Facilitation 9-12, SADD 9-11, German Club 9-10, Spanish Club 11

Jennifer Lynn Searle: Softball 9-10&12, SCA 11-12, FBLA 12

Jeremy Wayne Senn

Casey Lee Seymour

Sara Anne Shepperson: Latin Club 9-12, Key Club 12, NJHS 9-10, NHS 11-12

Nicholas Quam Sherman

Dustin Matthew Shifflett

Emily Way Skelton: Drama Club 9-10, *The Music Man* 9, *Our Town* 10, *A Christmas Carol* & *...Charlie Brown* 11, Thespian Society 10-12, Latin Club 11, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* 12

Christopher Graham Smith

Davilla Shontrese Smith

Horace Van Smith: Marching Band 9-12, Tennis 10-12, Class President 11-12, Key Club 11-12, History Club 10-12, NHS 11-12, Drum Major 12

Joshua David Snyder

Elisabeth Gail Sowder: JV Soccer 9-10, Orchestra 9-12, Drama Club 10-12, Thespian Society (Secretary) 12, History Club 11, Spanish Club 9-10, *Evanka's Secret* 10, *A Christmas Carol* 11, *The Art of Self Defense* 11, SEEK 11

Bryan Keith Coley Spain: Baseball 9-12, Football 9-12, NJHS 9-10, Mu Alpha Theta 11-12

Samuel Quinn Spaulding

Kathleen Brooke Springer

Jason Page Stalls

Joshua Adam Stamps

Meagan Leigh Stephenson: Debate Team 12, Key Club 11-12, NHS 11-12, NLHS 11-12, Drama Club 9-12, Latin Club 9-12, NJHS 9-10, History Club 11-12, Ecology Club 11

Jana Anne Stewart: *Joseph...*9, *A Christmas Carol* 10, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* 12, *...Charlie Brown* 10

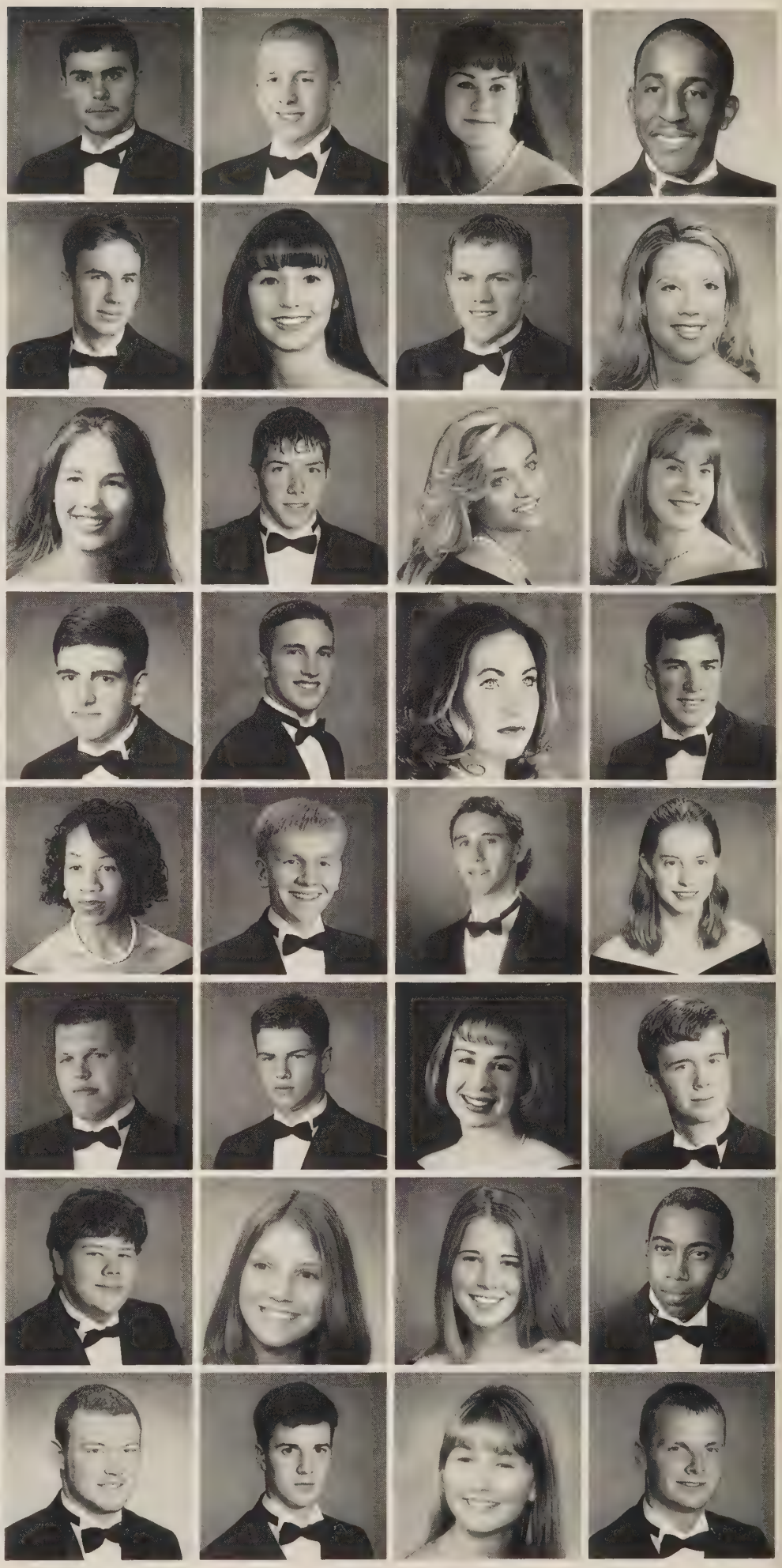
Rashad Jermaine Stone: Orchestra 9-12, Conflict Mediation 10-12, Crime Solvers 12, JV Football 10

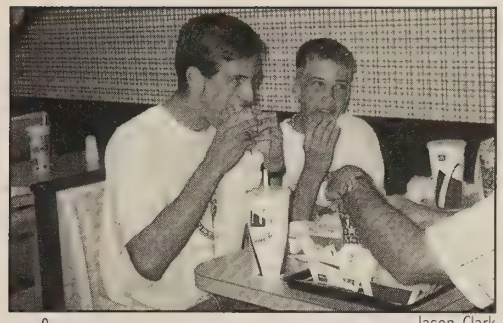
John Richard Surber

Nathaniel Paul Suttler: Marching Band 9-12

Erin Yolande Sutton

Brian Douglas Swagger





Jason Clark

What you want is what you get! Matt and Eric McHugh grab a bite at McDonald's. "Big Macs are the best," said Eric.

Ashley Matthews

Sizing it up. Gordon Chisholm measures up for his graduation cap. "I felt like Rambo," said Gordon.

What is the weirdest place you have ever gone on a date?

"Striper Johns and Pep Boys!" ELLIE THURSTON --Sophomore

"The Annabelle Lee River Boat' MATT FITZGERALD --Junior

"A kitchen at church." GEORGE LAMB --Junior

"On a fishing trip!" STACY KENNEDY --Junior

Kim Skora

Downtime. Annie Gill and Matt Sharpe relax at a PRIDE movie. "I'm glad I had a chance to take a break," said Annie.

Put Your Hands Together For... Samantha Pierce

While juggling school, work, Sudden Image, and colorgaurd, Samantha Pierce has taken time to "find the music."

Samantha takes tap, jazz, lyrical, and point at Teresa's School of Dance. Her competitions such as Showstoppers, Dance Caravan, and King's Dominion take place every two months and more during summer.

Samantha says, "Dance is very important to me, but I always make sure I make time for my schoolwork." Even though her classes and costumes are expensive, Samantha is lucky; her parents pick up the tab so she can have fun and feel the music.

Sharon Pierce

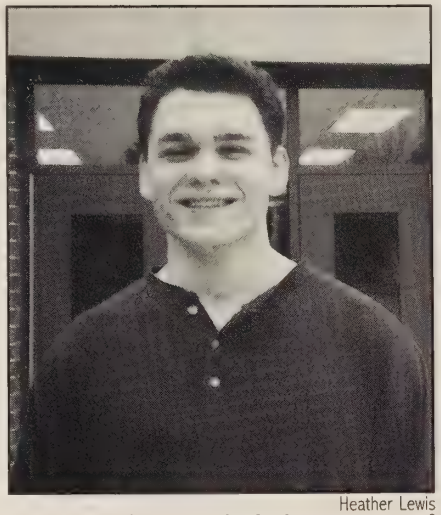
You are My Angel. Samantha finishes off the season with the annual dance recital. "Dancing takes my mind off stressful things," said Samantha.

Put Your Hands Together For...

Andy Tarantino

The Next Rocky? Bird's own Andy Tarantino is an amateur boxer. He has been boxing since he was eight years old. Tarantino trains by sparring, and jumping rope. He enjoys boxing because it's great exercise, a stress reliever, and he "enjoys contact sports."

One fond memory of this contact was when he "broke his hand on someone's head." When Tarantino heads off to college, at the University of Richmond, he plans to continue boxing. "If they don't have a team," he said, "I'll start one!"



Heather Lewis

Eye of the Tiger. For Andy, boxing started at a young age. "When I was eight, I lived where we didn't play kickball, we boxed."

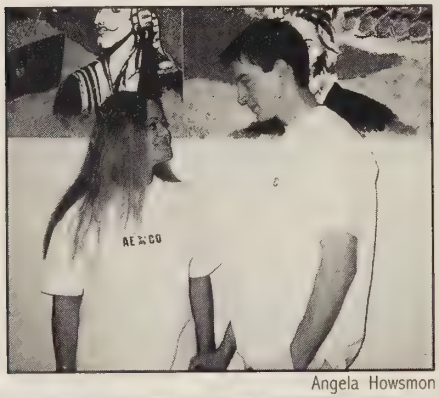
Sara Verret

Twist and Shout.. Senior Kevin Riehl gave his two cents at Twisters, where his band performs. "Fun Size played when we were supposed to, and I was mad so I decided to tell the crowd about it," he said.

Let's Go Juniors. Kelly King, along with some friends, has a blast at the powder puff game. "The players had to cheer because our real cheerleaders weren't loud enough," Kelly said.

Sara Verret

Together Forever. Senior Charlie Harmer puts off leaving for college. "I am waiting for her," he said of his long-time girlfriend, junior Mariana Caprita.



Angela Howsmon

David Caldwell

One Last Dance. Jason Vicente and Rosie Brown enjoy their last dance together because Rosie planned to leave for Hong Kong in January. Jason said, "I remember telling her during one of our dances that I loved her and that she was a beautiful person, inside and out... I do miss her dearly."

Love Across the Miles

By Dara Boggs

Whether it is from school to school, or state to state, long distance relationships are the toughest kind of relationships. They take extra work and patience. The strings are held together with frequent phone calls, letters, e-mails, and occasional visits. Kirsten Rousell put it best when she said, "It takes a lot of gas, and can get expensive, but it's all worth it in the end."

Some people haven't experienced the whole "distance" factor quite yet, but soon will when their significant others go off to college, or even into the service. Josh Barrowclift will be heading out to boot camp for the Marines this summer in South Carolina, leaving behind a distraught Heather Blackmon. Barrowclift said, "My love for Heather grows stronger and stronger every day and I know we will make it through my absence. I love her with all my heart. She has filled the emptiness in me and made me whole."

> "...and I know we will make it through my absence."

Junior Scott Simmons used a comparison to sum up long distance relationships. He said, "Long distance relationships are like flying a kite. Even though they are far away, you always know they are there."

Senior Michelle Taylor has been with her boyfriend for over two years. She said, "When you don't get to see your boyfriend everyday, it makes you appreciate the time you do have together even more."

Long distance relationships are never easy, no matter how large the distance. But they are worth the struggle when the relationship is reunited.

Robert David Sweat III
Angie Melennon Tankard
Victor Andrew Bryant Tarantino : Sudden Image 10-12, Madrigals 11-12, Thespian Society 10-12
Calandra Yvonne Taylor

Frances Leslie Michelle Taylor
Neil Bryant Taylor: Football 9-10, *Beauty and the Beast* 9
Angela Dawn Thomas: Class VP 9, Latin Club 9-11, NJHS 9-10, NHS 11-12, Volleyball 10-11, Latin HS 11-12, Photo Club 12, Orchestra 9-12, History Club 10
Melissa Mae Thurston: Volleyball 10-12, TSA 10, Softball 9-12, Basketball 9-10, Latin Club 9-11, Photo Club 12

Jeffrey Lloyd Tibbs
Jonathan Ivan Tingen
Sarah Elizabeth Tomlinson
Christie Lee Toney

Torbjorn Tormodsen
Charis Nicole Tucker: Marching Band 9-12, Softball 9-12, Latin Club 11-12, FBLA 10
Shomari Ola Twyman: Football 9-10 12, Basketball 9-12, DECA 11
Troy Glyn Vaden: Football 9-12, Baseball 9-12, Wrestling 10, Track 12, Spanish Club 9-10, Latin Club 11-12, FBLA 9-12

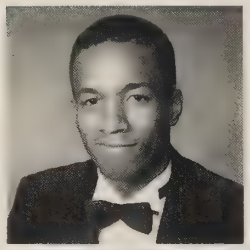
Paola Andrea Valencia
Justin Vernon Vaughan
Sara Lydia Verret: Yearbook 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12, SEEK 10-11, History Club 12
Andrew David Vojtecky: Volleyball 9-12

Matthew David Wagner: Art Club 12, Photo Club Public Relations Officer 12, Latin Club 9-11
Tiffany Dawn Warren
Alexander Joseph Watson: Volleyball 8-12, Tennis 10-12, Latin Club 9-11, Key Club 10-12, SCA 9-10, NJHS 9-10, Envirothon 10
Nicole Leanne Weaver

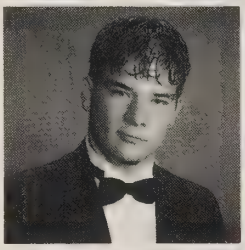
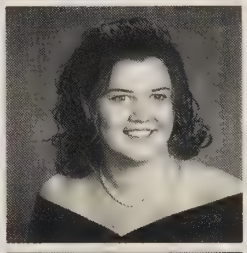
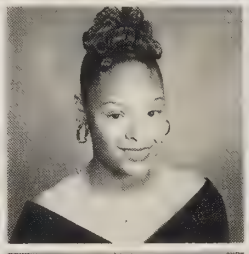
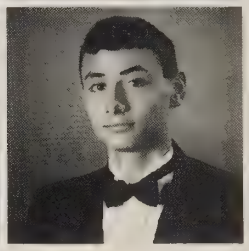
Stephen Timothy Webb
Nicholas Chad Webster: DECA 11-12, Football 11-12
Harold Dean Weeks: Marching Band 9-12, GRYWE 11-12, Show Choir Band 11-12, All County Band 12, *Joseph...* 10, *...Charlie Brown* 11
Lisa Carrie Wells

Anna Marie White
James Linwood Whitlow: TSA 10-12, NHS 11-12, NJHS 9-10, Spanish Club 9-12
Jason Randolph Wilkinson: FBLA 12, Tennis 10-11
Jeremy Eric Wilkinson

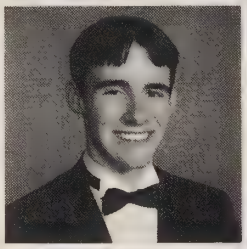
Detrick Domonique Williams
Tammy Michelle Williams
Tierra Lea Williams: Rhapsody 9-10, Reflections 10, Cheering 11-12, Indoor/Outdoor Track 9-12, Latin Club 12, DECA 11-12
Amandia Dee Willis



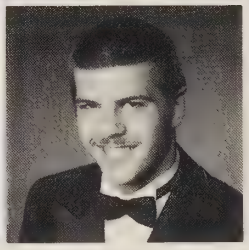
Derek Alvin Wilson
Jessica Ryan Wilson: Photo Club 12, Reflections 11-12, FBLA 10-11
Carsena Martina Winfield
Nicholas Roman Wittman

Jason Travis Wood
Zachary Ray Woodson: Marching Band 9-12, *The Incredible Hawk* Staff 12, Latin Club 9-11, Photo Club 12
Kenneth Christopher Wray



Zachary John Young
Daniel Eldridge Zirkle



Most School Spirited

Van Smith • Cameron Dixon, Khilia Graves, Katy Brightly, Lindsey Halbert, Brian Bier, Dennis Bradley, Gordon Chisholm,

Dean Weeks and Tierra Williams

Class Clown

Weeks • Shannon Kluttz, Abby Morris, Tonilynn Boehmler, Shontrese Smith, Josh Cloudt, Chad Farlow, Will Norfleet, Dean

Dennis Bradley and Jean Geary

Best All Around

Dean Weeks • Meagan Stephenson, Annie Gill, Betsy Mitchell, Shontrese Smith, Wes Baskerville, Trey Nichols, Brian Ross,

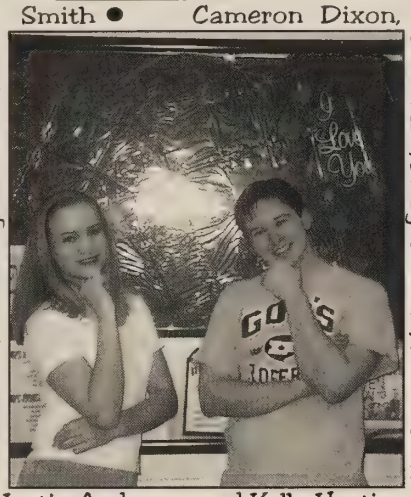
Cameron Dixon and Van Smith

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

By Cynthia Reed

Most Likely To Succeed

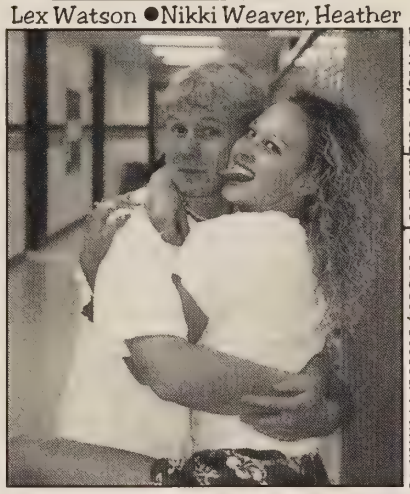
Smith • Cameron Dixon, Moona Em, Zakiya Mudiwa, Collette Ross, Brandon Anis, Jeff Halbig, Brian Ross, Van



Justin Anderson and Kelly Hastings

Biggest Flirt

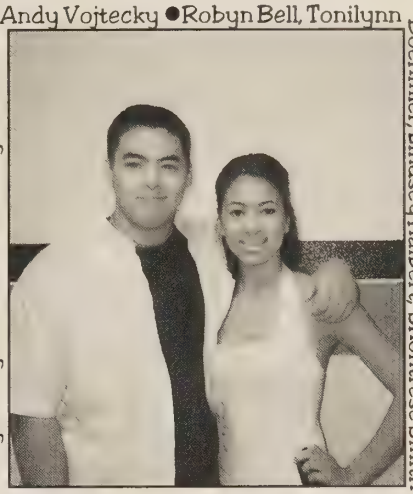
Lex Watson • Nikki Weaver, Heather Lewis, Meagan Stephenson, Tierra Williams, Chad Farlow, Donnie Field, Aaron Starnes,



Tonilynn Boehmler and Trey Nichols

Biggest Ego

Andy Vojtecky • Robyn Bell, Tonilynn Boehmler, Lindsey Halbert, Shontrese Smith, Larry Bailey, Chad Farlow, Andy Tarantino



Brian Bier and Monique McBride

Most Talkative

Rodney Remacle • Lindsey Halbert, Francesca Evola, Cameron Dixon, Dennis Bradley, Steven Knight, Jason Myers

Denisha Carter and Chad Farlow

Friendliest

Smith • Kristin Clemens, Megan Haynie, Abby Morris, Charis Tucker, Matt Jones, Jerik Murphy, Trey Nichols, Van

Drew Hayes and Brandi Henry

Most Outgoing

Dean Weeks • Jean Geary, Cameron Dixon, Tonilynn Boehlmer, Francesca Evola, Dennis Bradley, Will Norfleet, Van Smith,

Jonathan Banks and Robin Jones

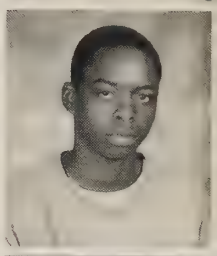
Most Athletic

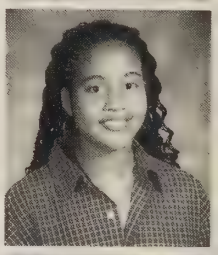
Jeremy Senn • Jean Geary, Shelby Ray, Danielle Hoggard, Tierra Williams, Larry Bailey, Brian Bier, Steven Knight,

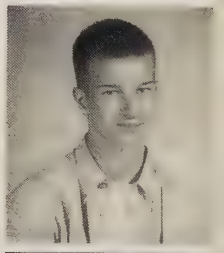
Troy Vaden and Shontrese Smith

Freshman Class Committee

Front row: Amanda Clark, Lindsey Wade, Jennifer Quinney, Lindsey Chappell. Back row: Kavita Kandhai, Heydi Shurland, Rachel Retallick, Brian Gay, not pictured; Brittany Welch. A commitee was formed this year instead of the traditional slate of officers in order to allow more members of the class to share in leadership positions within the class. Mr. Powell and Mrs. Pendleton sponsored the freshman class.







Heydi Shurland
Someone asked me to join the freshmen committee to help out with the homecoming float. It was fun.

Brian Gay
I wanted to be involved with my class and make some changes.

Lindsey Chapell
I wanted to be an officer to help with my class. I've had a good time.

Kavita Kandhai
I wanted to help out with the homecoming float.

Rachel Retallick
I wanted to do something for my school. It's been very interesting!

Jennifer Quinney
The committe sounded like something fun and different to do.

Lindsey Wade
A friend called and said that the Freshmen class needed help with the float. It sounded like interesting fun.

Brittany Welch
I wanted the float to look the best it could so the freshman class would look good.

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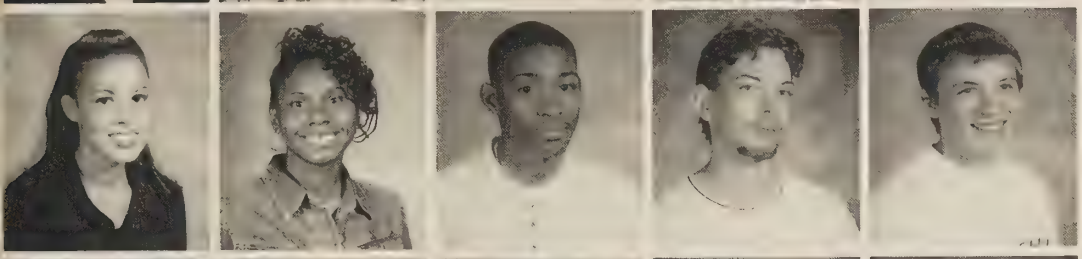
Maria Achruk 11
Adam Ackerman 9
Matthew Acree 11
Bud Adams 11
William Adams 11



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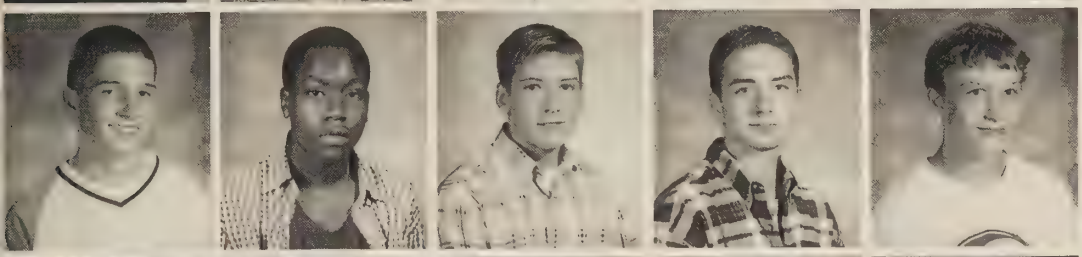

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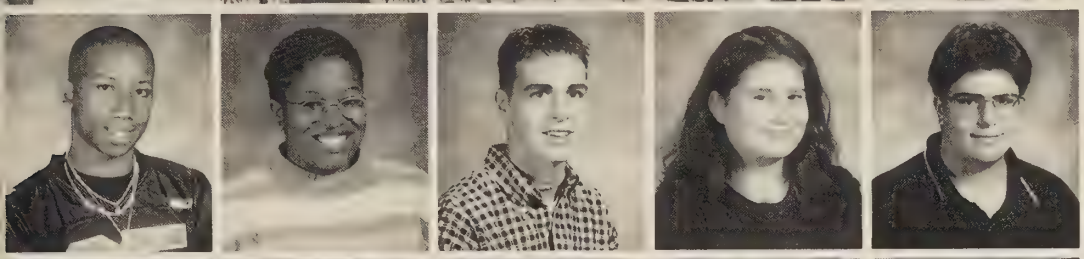

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Paula Baisey 10
Dhikrullah Baith 10

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Kena Banks 10
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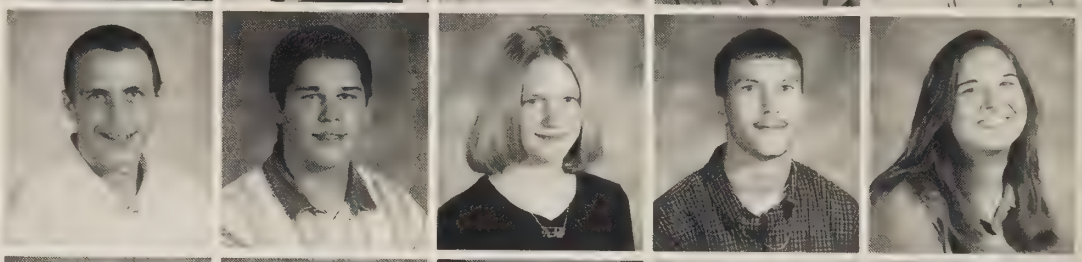

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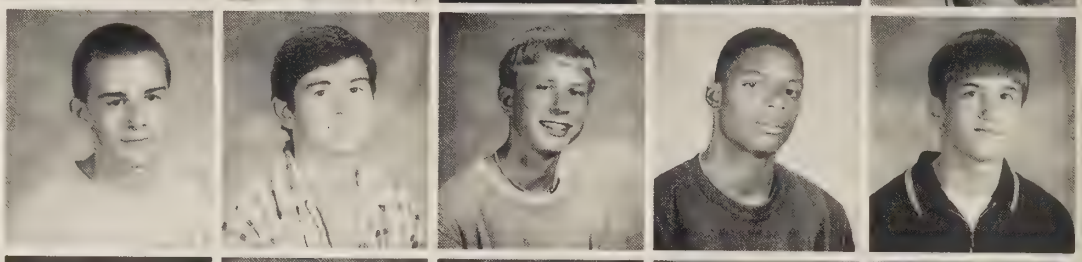

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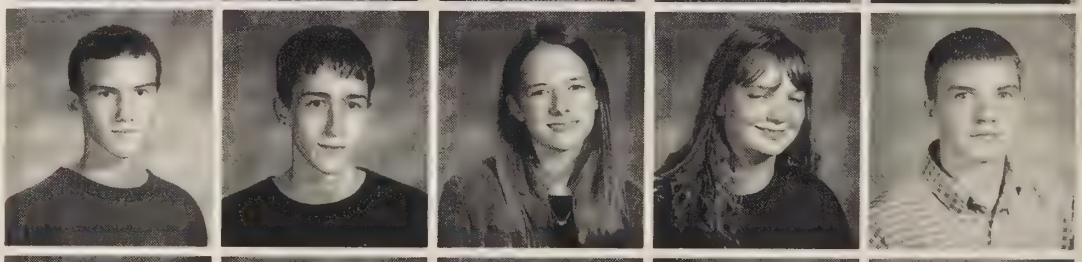

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Bradford Blocker 9
Bryan Blocker 11
Dara Boggs 11
Chequana Boisseau 9
Keith Boos 11

What song gets you hyped up for a night out?

"'Body Movin' by the Beastie Boys because it gets my body movin."
JASON CLARK
--Senior

"'Hard Knock Life' by Jay-Z. It helps relieve the stress of the day."
KATIE SUTTLES
-- Freshman

"'Dancing with Myself' by Billy Idol because it makes me feel independent."
REBECCA BRITT
-- Junior

"'Ruff Riders' Anthem' by DMX because it just has that kind of beat that gets you hype."
DANIEL GOHLKE
--Sophomore

Put Your Hands Together For... Lindsey Jessup

By Heather Hile

Lindsey Brooke Jessup is a freshman who excels in all that she does. Lindsey is a very active student with one factor fighting againt her--a vision disorder. Lindsey's vision is 20/300, but she doesn't let that stop her from doing anything. The state of Virginia considers her to be legally blind. This vision disorder prohibits her from seeing in the dark or in dim light. Lindsey said, "It's like losing my eyes when I'm in dark areas."

Lindsey is a cross county, indoor and outdoor track runner. According to Lindsey, cross country is more challenging. Cross country is held in the fall, and she has to run in the woods most of the time. Lindsey's a member of the girls show choir, Reflections; she loves to sing and dance at the same time.

"When the lights dim or go out before and after the show, I'll grab the nearest girl beside me," Lindsey said. Ms. Furgerson said, "I don't consider Lindsey as having a vision disorder because it doesn't stop her from giving 100 percent." Lindsey's a perfect example of someone who perseveres despite disability.

David Caldwell

Putting her heart into it. "Running is my favorite thing to do even though it's a challenge for me because of my vision," said Lindsey.

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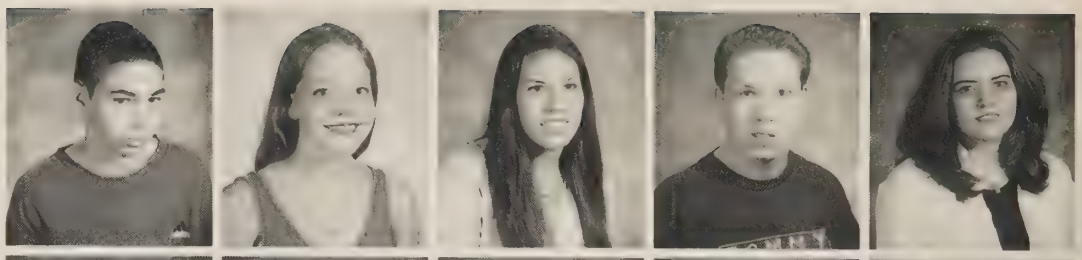
Elise Boyd 11
Sue Boyd 11



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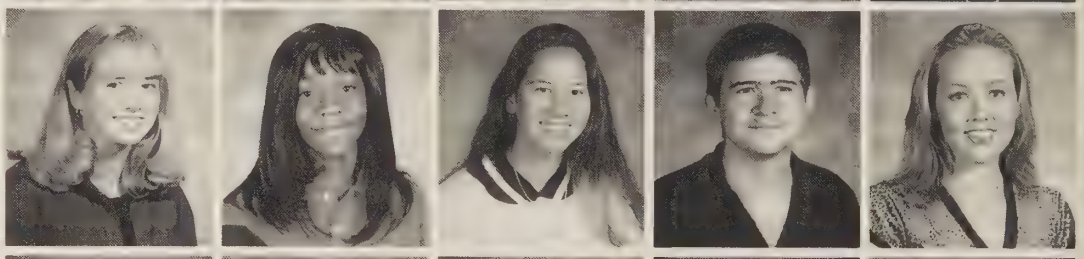

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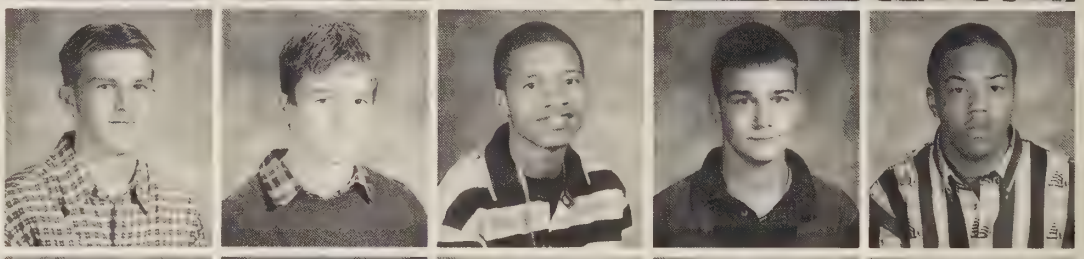

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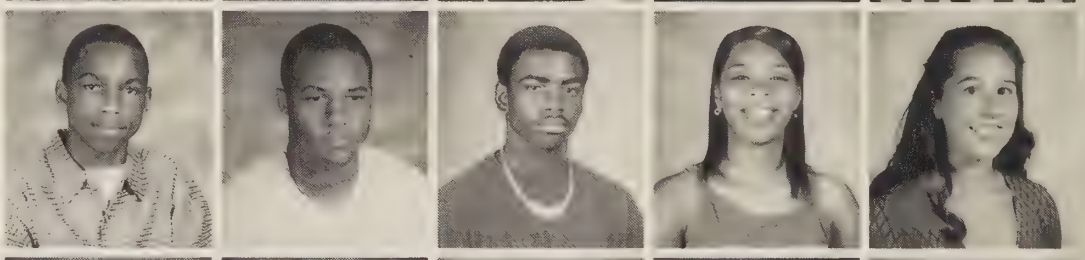

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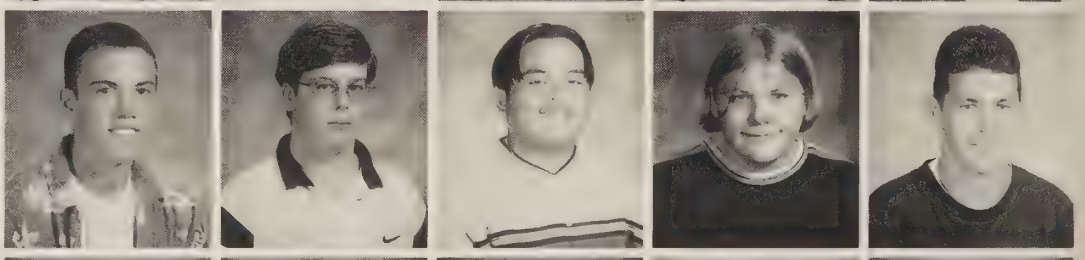

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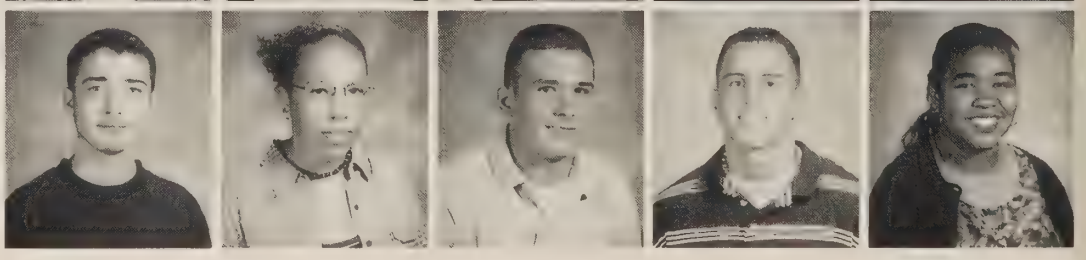
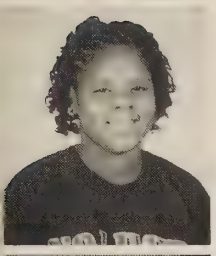




I Don't Wanna Grow Up

Teen angst takes another direction...

By Candice Cobb

Rock a Bye. Junior Heather Taylor rocks her sister Kelly to sleep. Heather said, "I used to bereally mean to my sister andbite her toes."

Peggy Taylor

Would you like to go to a place where a kid can be a kid forever-- a place like Peter Pan's Never-Neverland where worries and responsibilities remain distant? While most teenagers anticipate their days of freedom in the future, the obligations of being an adult worry many of those teens. Junior Kisha Page said, "I don't want to grow up because I don't want to have to pay bills!"

Senior Angela Puryear reminisces about the past and days full of fun. "I wish I could still play in the playland at McDonald's," she said. Several students recently tried to do just that, and in turn were locked in playland as punishment for being *too old!*

Although many people miss their childhood days, others can't wait to grow up and to enjoy being an adult. "I want to grow up so I can start my own family," said junior Heather Hile.

Likewise, junior Cheryl Guthmann said, "I'm looking forward to doing the things I want to do without getting in trouble for them."

It is irrelevent whether students would rather "rewind" to their youth, "pause" in the present, or "fast-forward" to their future. Growing up and facing ever-increasing responsiblity is inevitable, so everyone might as well get ready!

John Bier

Here Comes Santa Claus! Senior Brian Bier and Sophomore Angela Bier sit and tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. "I wanted a My Little Pony and Brian wanted muscles, in the end we both got what we asked for," said Angela.

Nancy Haston

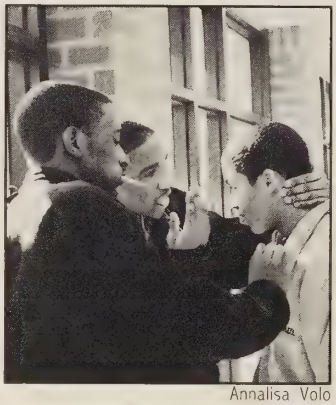
Pageant attire! Sophomore Kelly Brinson wanted to be a beauty queen when she was seven. Kelly said, "I always wanted to be Miss America."

On the Down Low

By Katherine Prugh

Katherine Prugh

☞ *Can You Keep a Secret?* Alvin Bulanadi and Will Adams waste time in class to talk about the latest gossip. "Some of the stuff that Will tells me is hard to believe. But it's funny," said Alvin.



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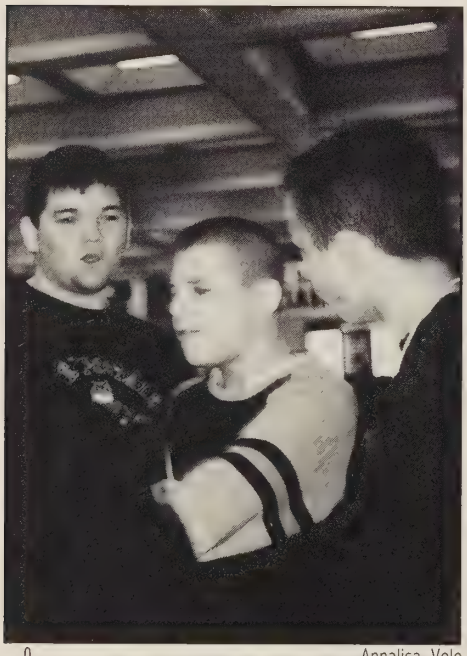
☞ *Go Get 'Em!* Grayson Smith, Larry Bailey and Louis Pleasant take time to make a plan. " My dogz let me know what's up," said Louis.



Annalisa Volo

☝ *Say What?* D.J. Enright, Chad Hundley and Adam Gregoire spend their time between classes just talking to the guys. "All we do is joke around and talk about stuff that's going on," said Adam.

What do girls, sports, parties, fighting, boxing, and cars have in common??? Ask the guys. These things seem to be their main topics of conversation. What about these things gives them something to talk about? T.J. Claytor said, "We just talk about which girls we want to get with."

Grayson Smith said, "We talk about how the girl looks, the girl's personality, and who they should get with." Basically guys just talk about the same sort of stuff that girls gossip about.

" It's not that we gossip, we just talk," said Randy Fleming.

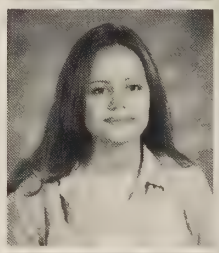
Teachers, especially, have the inside scoop on what guys talk about. Just standing around in the halls or in classes fills teachers with a bunch of information. Some teachers are interested in what the guys have to say, but others could care less. " I try not to listen to that much because the more I hear the more I am responsible for," said Mr. Beckner.

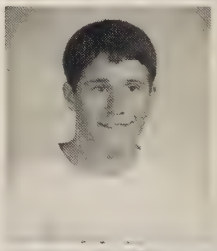
"I hear about who fights with who, who got busted, who's going with who and why they broke up. There isn't anything that I don't hear. I know what's going on," said Mrs. Wyatt.

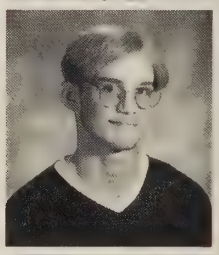
Between teachers and students, the guys' bits of conversations get around. Some things stay secret, but much of the time "secrets" seems to make their way through conversations.

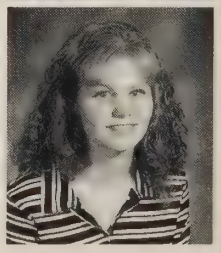
Katherine Prugh

☝ *Don't Say Nothin!* Thomas Lee and Matt Wagner spread the word to each other during lunch. "I don't even want to begin to tell you what he tells me," said Thomas.









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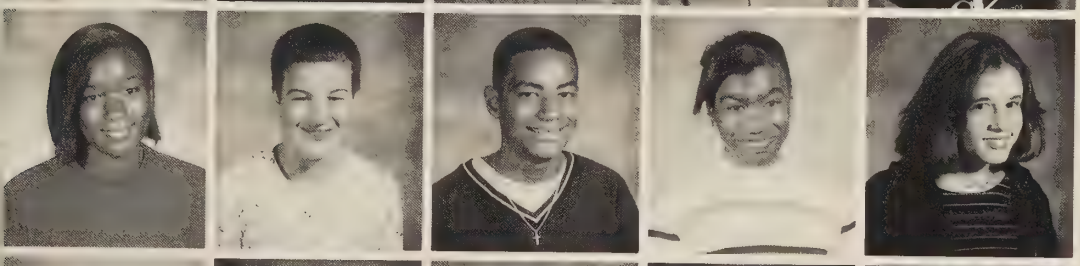

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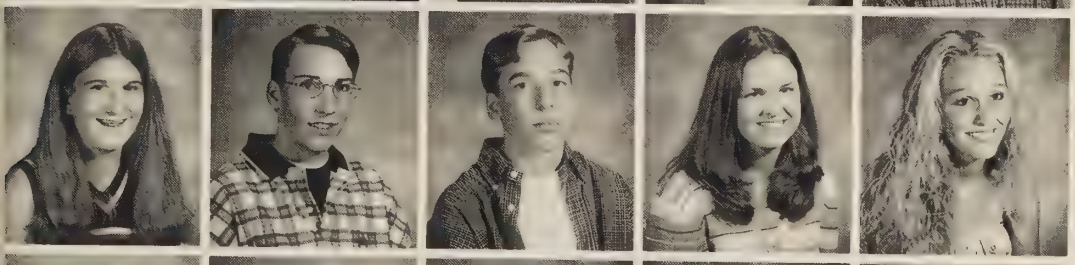

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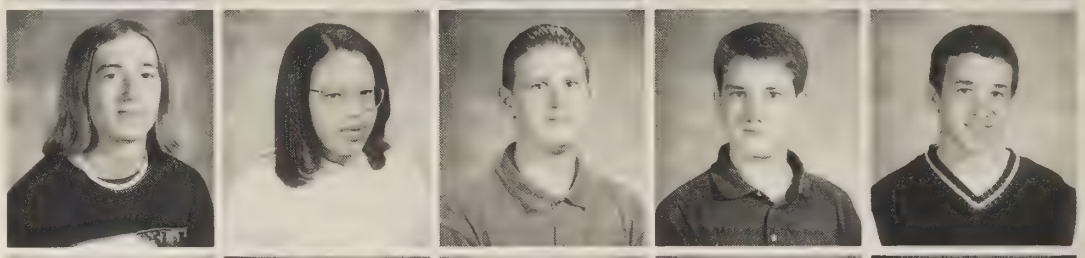

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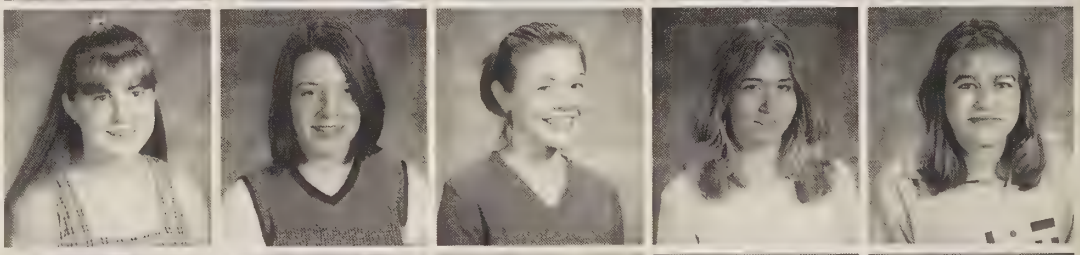

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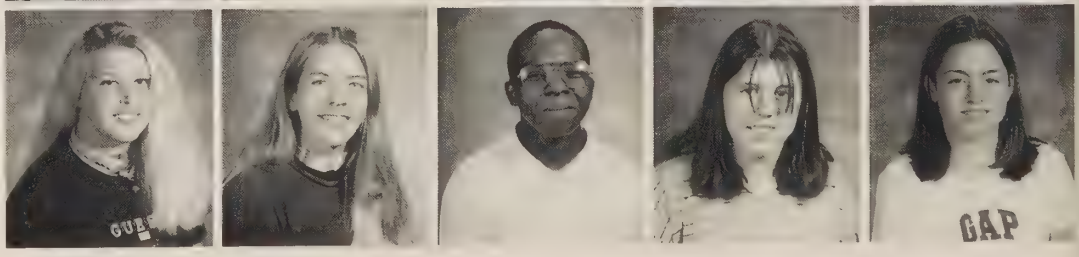
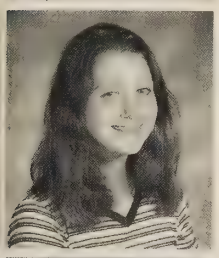
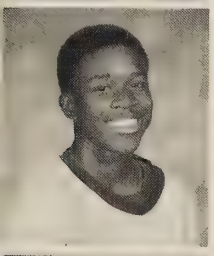






The Sound of Music

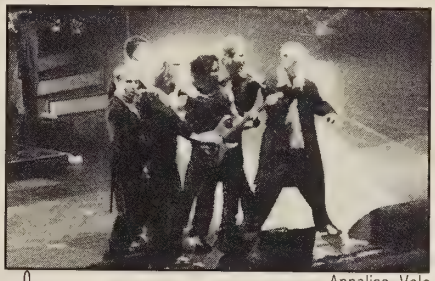
By Angela Bier

Crowded areas, screaming people, expensive tickets, and loud music set the scene for what is one the most popular forms of entertainment. People travel far and wide to see their favorite performers. Sophomore Stephanie Reid once traveled to New York City to see Kirk Franklin and Nu Nation in concert, and junior Chris Ryan plans on seeing Phish in Colorado.

Front Row; Center. Lead singer of the group No Doubt, Gwen Stefani, puts on a show at Plan 9 records in Carytown.

Kim Earles

Tickets, for the most part, are needed to get into any event. Sometimes people pay a great deal of money and go out of their way for tickets. Sophomore Kassi Hines paid $65 to see Metallica. "Metallica was the best concert. It was worth the money," said Kassi. There are many other ways to obtain tickets. Sophomore Kip Talley won second row tickets to *Buzzfest '98*. Sophomore Lindsey Garfinkel bought tickets from a scalper at a Less than Jake show.



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Bird's Eye View. Sophomore Lesley Bare attended the N'Sync concert at the Landmark Theatre. "I was so far away, I had to use binoculars to see," said Lesley.

Sometimes, concerts are a memorable experience for good, and sometimes for bad. "The worst concert I have ever been to was Horace Pinker. They were 30 years old, lame, and they thought they were cool," said senior Scott Booker.

Senior Sara Verret said, "Violent Femmes was the best concert I've been to. It was the first time I ever got to crowd surf."

Whether its Michael Bolton or Marilyn Manson, a good concert is sure to leave a tune in your head and a ringing in your ears.

Put Your Hands Together For... Erin Russell

"I don't think of it as a disability, I just think of it as being myself." Junior Erin Russell may have a hearing deficiency, but she definitely doesn't have a talent deficiency. Erin is hearing impaired and has problems with short term memory, but manages to sing in the girls' show-chior, Reflections and the Girls' Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Erin takes her music to a speech therapist to practice enunciating the words of the songs.

Erin's parents support her desire to sing and they are the first to let people know that just because she is hearing impaired, there's no reason to treat her differently. Erin has proven wrong those who never thought she'd be able to successfully perform.

Margaret Furgerson

Sing Joyfully. Erin Russell (center) performs at the annual holiday concert put on by the music department. "I try not to make excuses for myself, and I try to stay with the group," said Erin.

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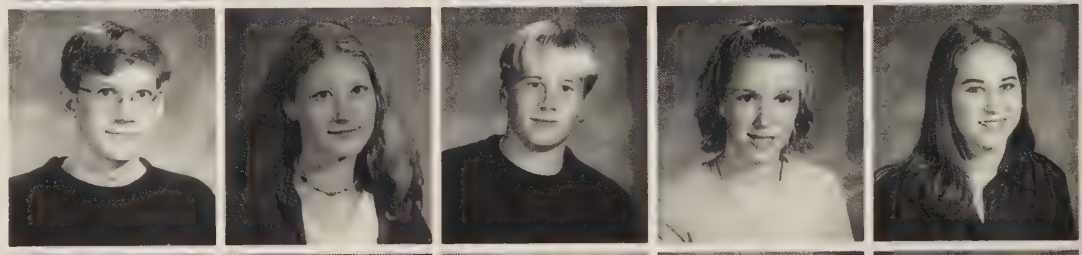

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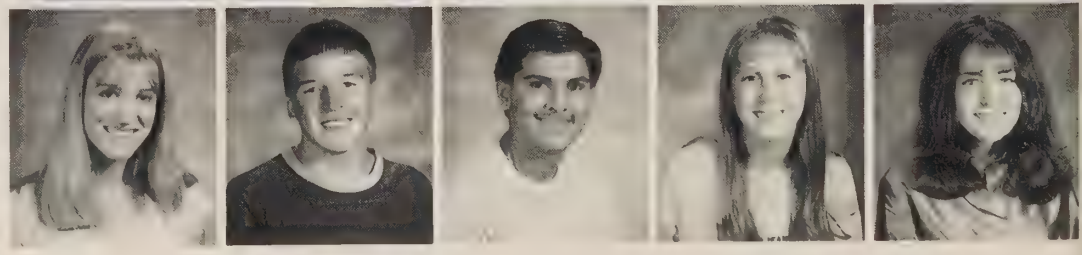
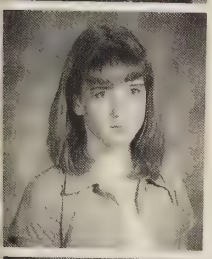
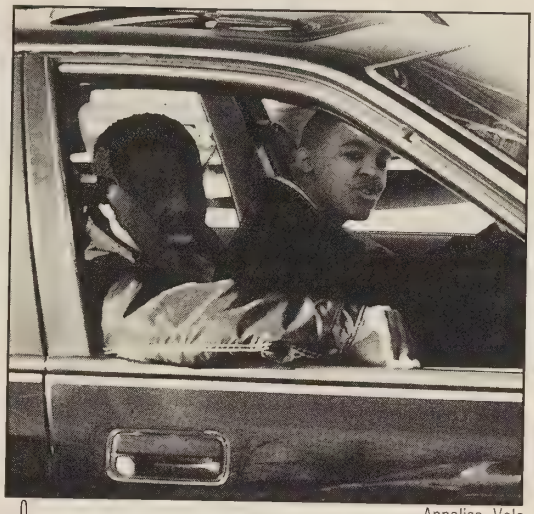




Big Time Bothers



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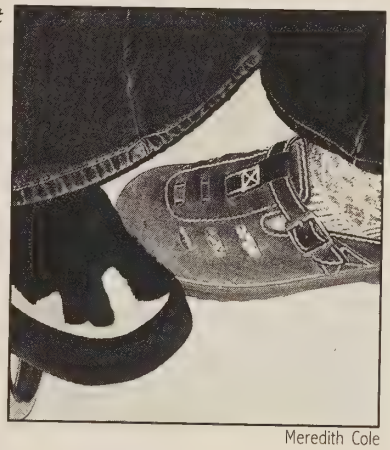
Just Cruisin. Duane Whirley hates it when friends ask for a ride home. "Sometimes I just have other things to do," said Duane.



Sock It To Me. Lori Coghill can't stand it when people wear socks with sandals. "Socks and sandals just don't mix," said Lori.

Meredith Cole

More Bothersome Bits:

- when people smoke and then blow it in your face -Chamara McCray
- when girls constantly walk through the boys' locker room -Mr.Reed
- leg hair -Shannon Newcomb
- politics in sports -Philip Stewart
- people who chomp on gum -Maria Foster
- people who scratch fingernails on the board -Dessi Aspiotis
- body odor -Tawanda Williams
- the tardy policy -Dennis Sanderson
- when people wear white dress shoes in the winter -Stephanie Primack
- people who constantly ask questions during a movie -Kirsten Rousell

By Annalisa Volo

Irritated. Bugged. Provoked. Incensed... Everyone has one thing that bothers them more than anything else in the world. Students at Bird have a plentiful supply of little annoyances. Ashleigh Ramsey hates it when "people say 'like' all the time."

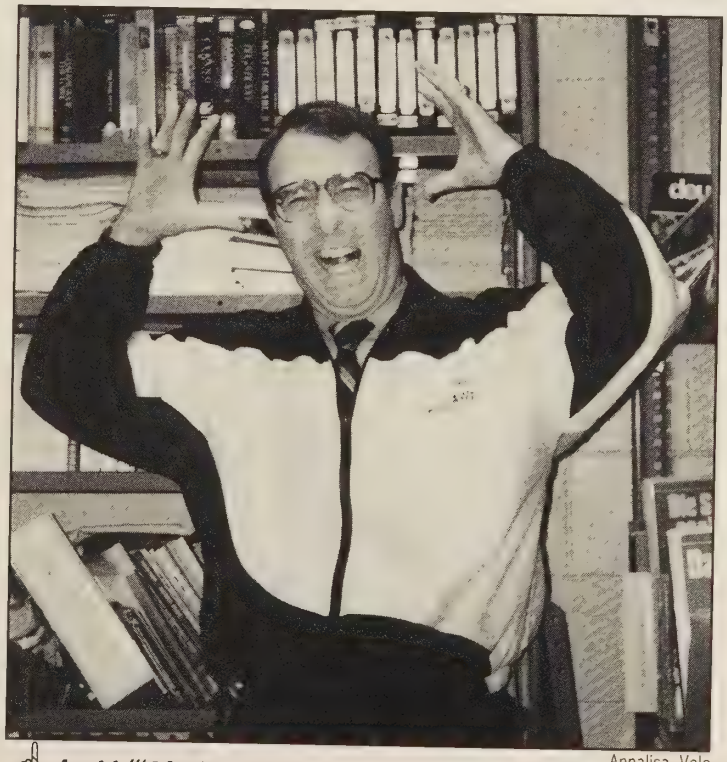
"Taking a shower when the water is cold" bugs Jubril Ogunbunmi. Louis Pleasant despises "getting up so early in the morning."

While Adam Gregoire dislikes it "when people start to tell you something and then say never mind," it bothers Mark McGruder "when girls are never ready on time."

Teachers are more than willing to talk about what annoys them. Mrs. Holland hates it "when students make a mistake and say 'my bad' but then do it again."

Mrs. Wyatt's biggest grievance is people not telling the truth, and it peeves Mrs. Bowling when students "expect an 'A' without doing anything."

Since pet peeves will never go away, the best way to deal with them is to grin and bear 'em.



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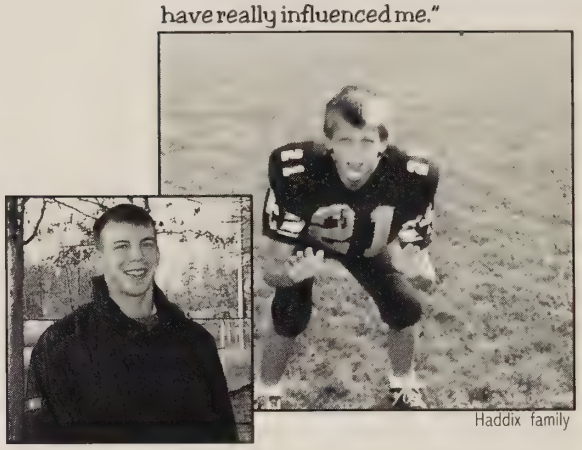
Agghh!!! Mr. Foege's biggest pet peeve is when there is too much clutter. "I'm just used to having everything organized," said Foege.

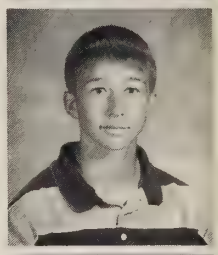
Charlotte Scimone, teacher. "I have matured a lot as a teacher since I've become a parent. I don't expect kids to be perfect anymore."

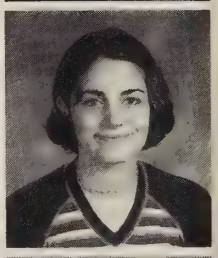
Scimone family

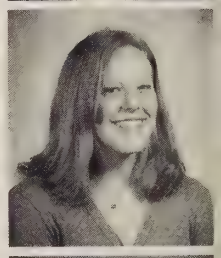
Jack Haddix, sophomore: "I've improved with sports a lot. I feel I've matured a great deal and my peers and teachers have really influenced me."

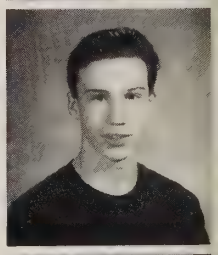


Haddix family









GOT ANY CHANGE?

By Jesse Overton and Meredith Cole

Time keeps on slipping...slipping...slipping into the future. Just as music changes constanly, people do too. When asked how they have changed since middle school, most teens may answer, "I grew." That's true, but those changes are much more numerous than one may think. Senior Scott Booker said, "My goals, clothes, and friends have changed."

Some great infuences on teens today are MTV, BET, and VH1, along with other music channels. This TV programming helps set the standard for what is and isn't cool in music and fashion.

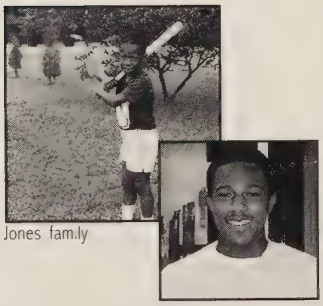
"I remember the first time I saw someone in huge, baggy pants on MTV. I thought they were stupid, but now I have at least four pairs," said freshman Lauren Cox.

Sometimes a person's surroundings are what causes them to change over the years. Teens tend to act and dress a certain way to fit in with their particular group of friends. Junior Cortney Bradford said, "People change because of the people they're around and usually in high school that group changes."

"My friends have influenced me to try harder to succeed in school. I care a lot more now than I used to," said junior Brooke Leatherwood.

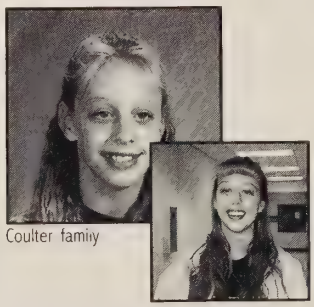
Parents and administrators may also cause a student to change their ways. "I was a bad seed and had to go to Catholic school. Now I'm grateful for what I have because I could always be in a worse place," said junior Amber Wittman.

No matter who you are, friends, family, and the media affect the cycle of changes you go through. Remember, who *you* are will affect the changes in those around you as well.



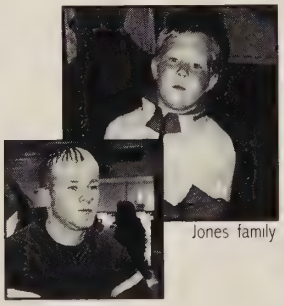
Jones family

Erik Jones, junior: " I used to be loud and aggressive. I saw how immature everyone else looked and I refused to join them."



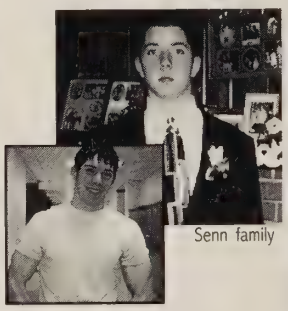
Coulter family

Chelsey Coulter, junior. "I've matured; I see the big picture and how the choices I make will affect me."



Jones family

Jay Jones, senior. "I used to be really quiet. Now I'm more open. I play sports, look different, and have a lot more friends."



Senn family

Jeremy Senn, senior. " I've been working hard and have been able to accomplish a lot in sports and in school."

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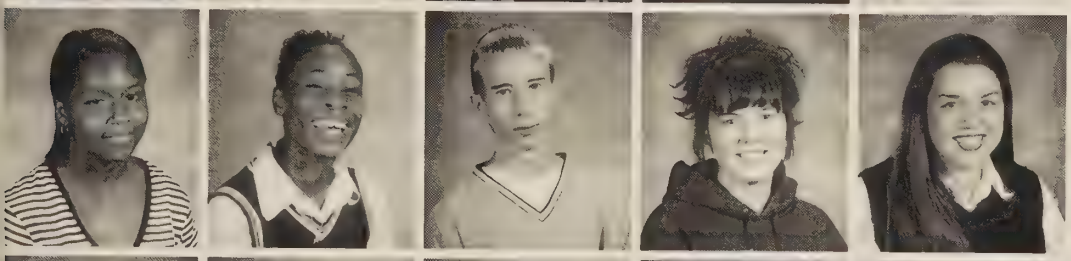

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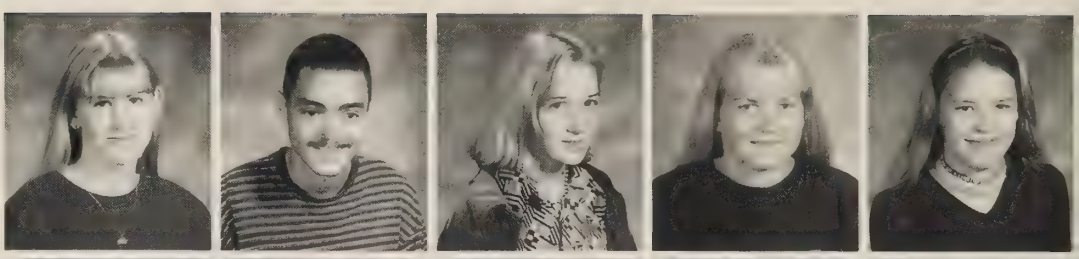

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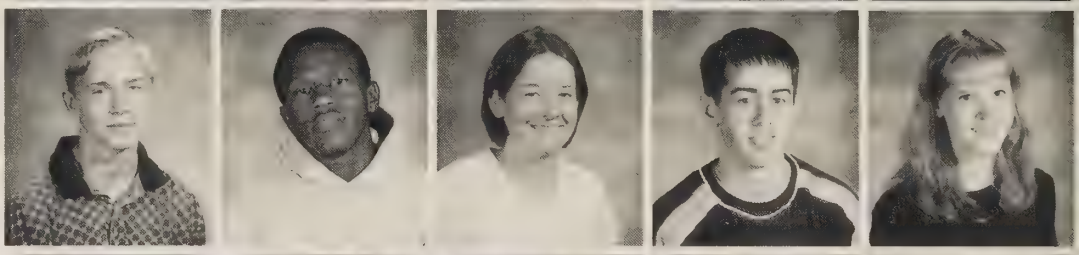

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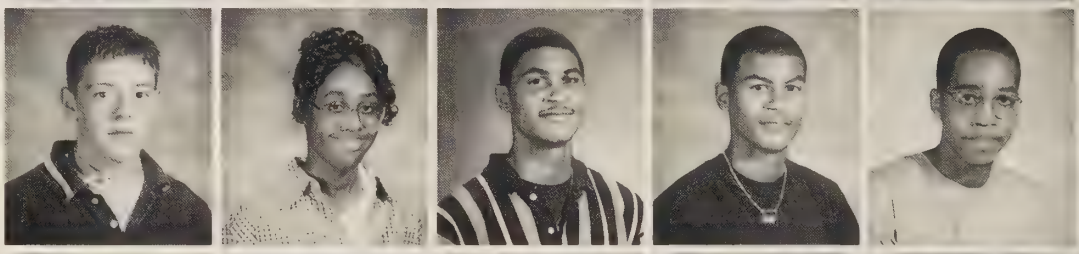

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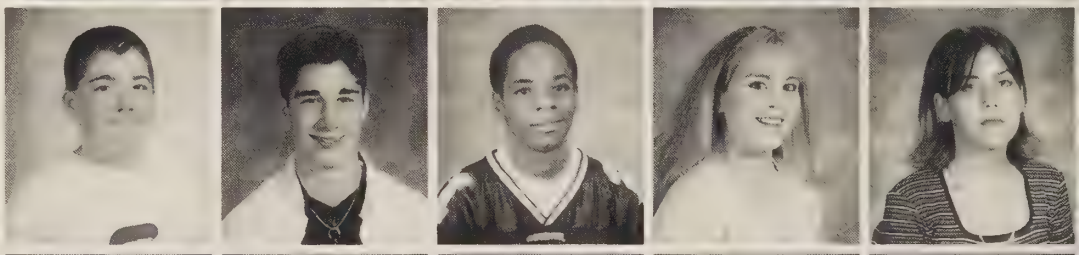

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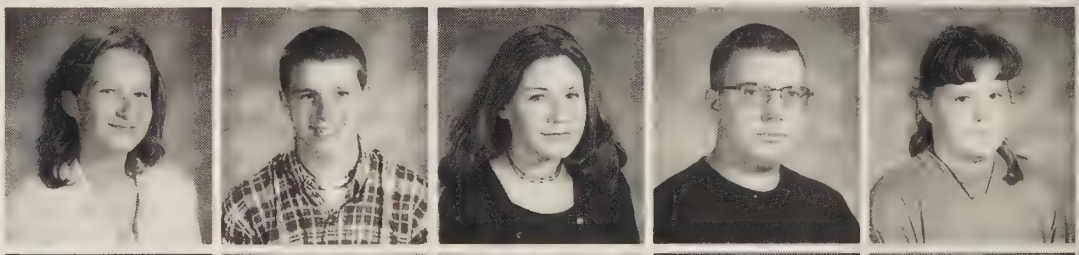

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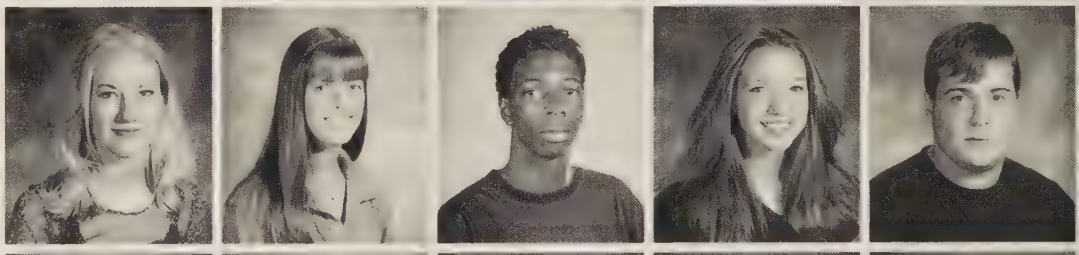

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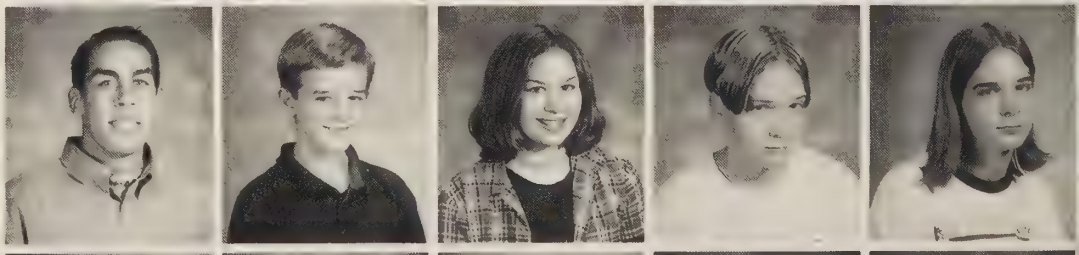

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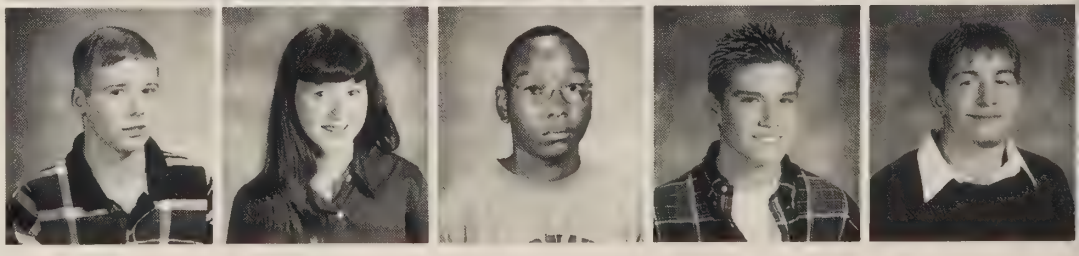
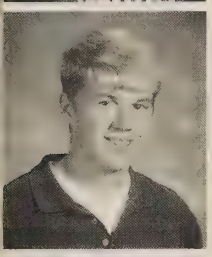
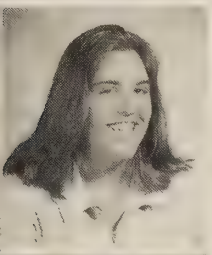
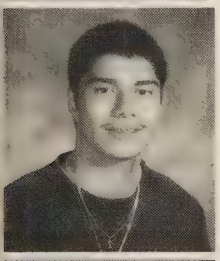
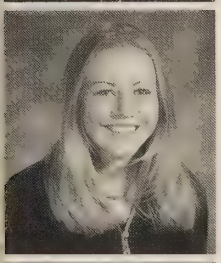






What is the worst movie you've ever seen?

"Great Expectations because it was nothing like the book."
TONYA MILES --Senior

"Pulp Fiction. You would have to watch it over and over again to really understand the movie."
KIMBERLY STEVENS --Junior

"Titanic. It was too long and boring."
JAY JONES --Senior

"Scream 2. The movie should have been a comedy. It was NOT scary!"
MARTINA MCCLAIN --Junior

Put Your Hands Together For... Chris and Steven Lloyd

By Jessica Miller

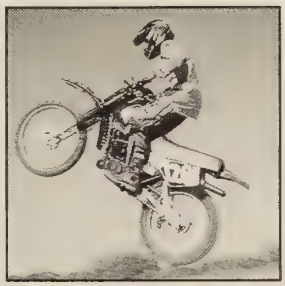
Juniors Chris and Steven Lloyd have been riding dirt bikes since they were ten years old. They got involved with riding with the help of their dad. They have both been competing in races for two years. Their favorite places to race are at Maryland's Bud's Creek and in Surry County. They enjoy those tracks because pro's race there, and there are more racers to compete with.

Both of them wear helmets and boots, which are required. Chris prefers to wear a chest protector as well. Steven's biggest accomplishment is finishing one of the hardest races he ever raced. The race was three miles long, and the track was difficult because it had a lot of curves and a lot of trees.

On the down side, he broke his rear fender, lost his number , and hit three trees during the race. "I got my fender and my number back because my brother came back around. Chris saw them and picked them up for me." said Steven.

Chris's biggest accomplishment was a race at Bud's Creek without messing up his new bike , which he'd had for a week. "I love having a bigger bike because I can do the jumps I always wanted to do," Chris said. Steven and Chris both said they get a big thrill from riding.

Power Wheels. Chris makes a dangerous move up a steep hill. "I was wondering if I'd make it up all the way," said Chris.



Dare Devil. Steven takes a daring leap on a course in Varina. "A couple of seconds after I was in the air, my bike was missing the rear fender and I was in pain," said Steven.

Sarah George 10
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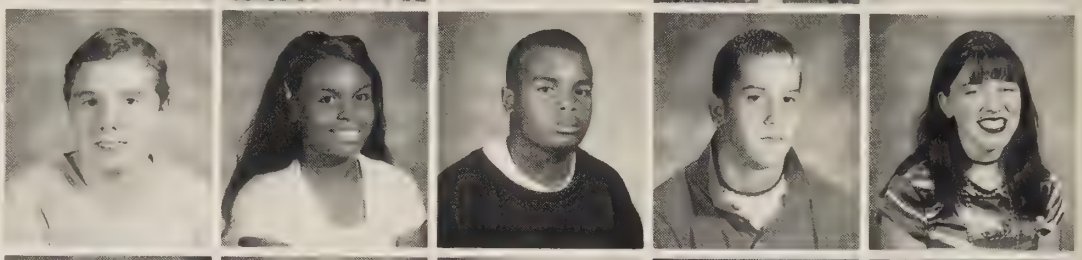

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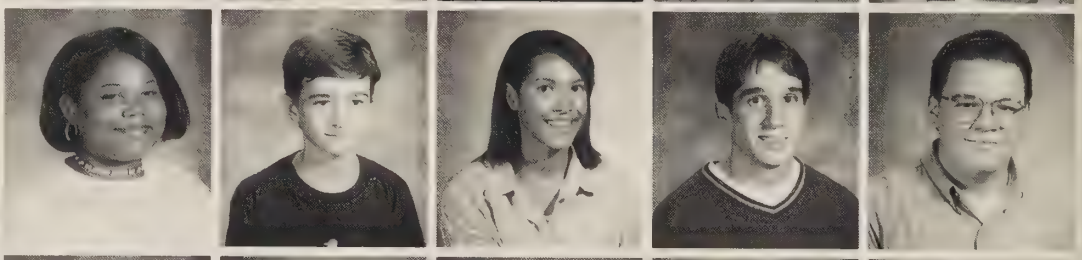

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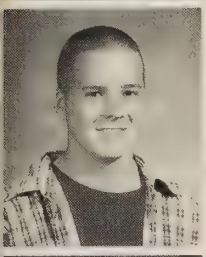
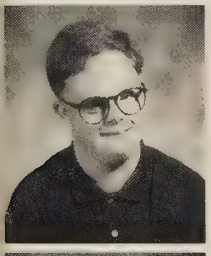




The Stuff Legends Are Made Of

By Ashley Matthews

Honorable. **E**xtraodinary. **R**espectable. **O**utstanding. Heroes come in all shapes and sizes, and vary from typical family members to the rich and famous.

Many students keep their heroes close to home. Junior Marnie Theis said that her older brother is her hero because he does everything right, "and besides he has a lot of money!"

Kids commonly consider their parents as idols. Senior Jeremy Knight said, "My dad is always there to support me, no matter what kind of trouble I find myself in."

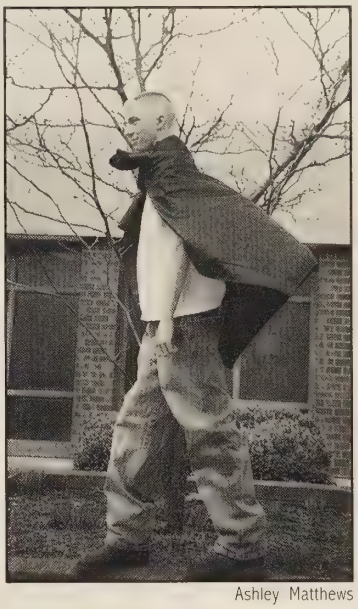
Sophomore Stacey Kluttz said that her mom is special because "she is always willing to listen and drop everything for me."

Other students turn to the stars and set their sights toward celebrities. Sophomore Kyle Griffith said that his hero is Wayne Gretzky because "he has mad ice hockey skills!"

Junior Chichi Chijioke said, "I admire the Spice Girls because I like their girl power ideas."

Big screen idols are also common among students. Junior Sarah Davis said, "Sandra Bullock is cool because she's not an airhead and people still like her."

No matter who students look up to, their heroes provide them with much needed guidance and inspiration. "Heroes give you that extra push to do ordinary tasks. They give you something concrete to strive for," said Junior Melissa Barton.


Ashley Matthews

The Caped Crusader. Junior Brock Butler reinacts his childhood hero, Superman. "I thought he was the coolest when I was little-I had all of the action figures," said Brock.

Ashley Matthews

Ladies Love Mr. Sink. Junior John Taylor admires Mr. Sink because of his abilities to catch the girls' eyes. "Maybe someday, I'll be that lucky," joked John.

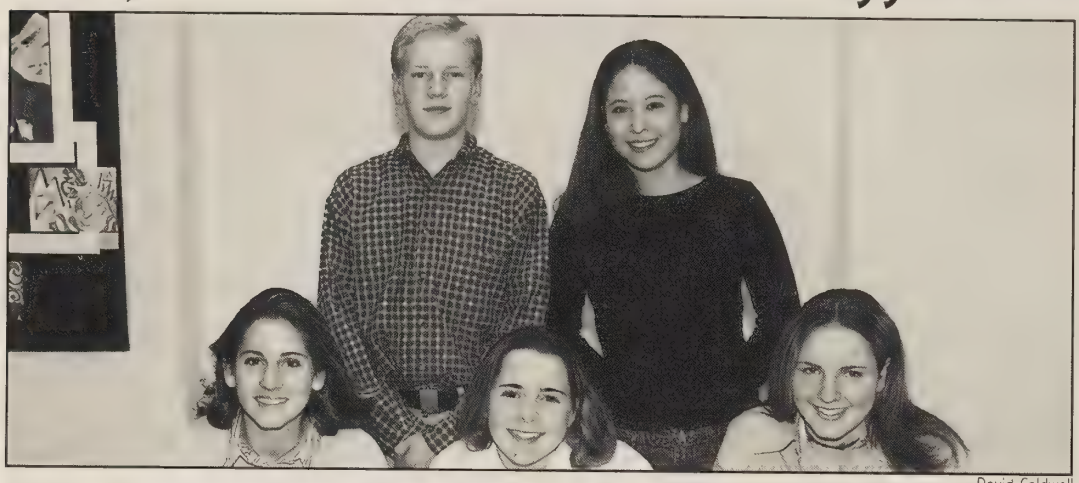
Ashley Matthews

Literary Genius. Ms. Paulette's hero is the poet William Butler Yeates. "I admire someone who is idealistic and beautiful in his beliefs, which he is," she said.

Stacey Kluttz

Lean on Me. Sophomore Alex Ray (left) finds inspiration in her best friend Bethany Conway. "If I had to name my hero, it would definitely be her because she always knows what I'm thinking and feeling, and she always cares," said Alex.

Sophomore Class Officers



David Caldwell

Row 1: Jaime Wisegarver, President; Tory Watson, Vice-President; Alex Ray, Secretary; Row 2: David Smith, Treasurer; Angela Bier, Historian.

President- Jaime Wisegarver

"Being an officer has enabled me to directly participate in more events at school and to make changes. By doing this, I have noticed a change in the attitude that students have toward the officers. They know we are working hard for them."

Vice President- Tory Watson

"I ran for vice president because I wanted our class to actually do something and not just sit around and not plan anything. We have made several plans for new events and activities for our class."

Secretary- Alex Ray

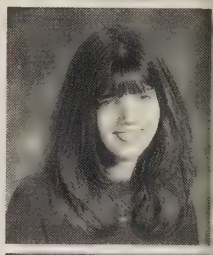
"I wanted to make the Class of 2001 stand out. Through our fundraisers and good deeds we have proven how effective we are as a team. A lot more kids are getting involved."

Treasurer- David Smith

"If I had to describe the sophomore class in two words it would be 'tasty doughnuts!' We worked hard to sell the doughnuts. It started off a little slow, but we ended up doing really well. The sophomores were really popular that week!"

Historian- Angela Bier

"I have acquired better leadership skills and a stronger sense of responsibility. Being an officer has given me the opportunity to actually carry out my ideas."



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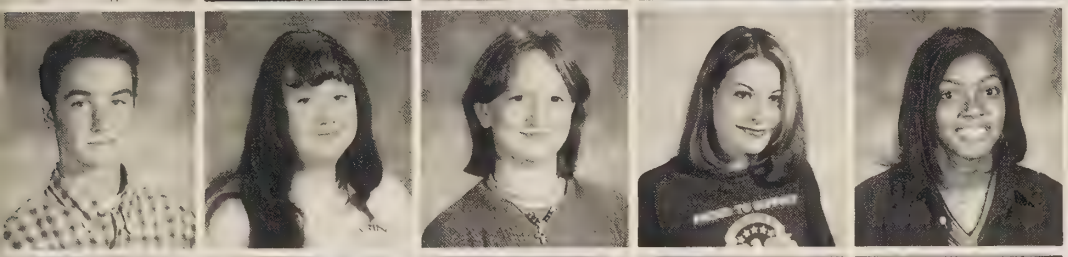

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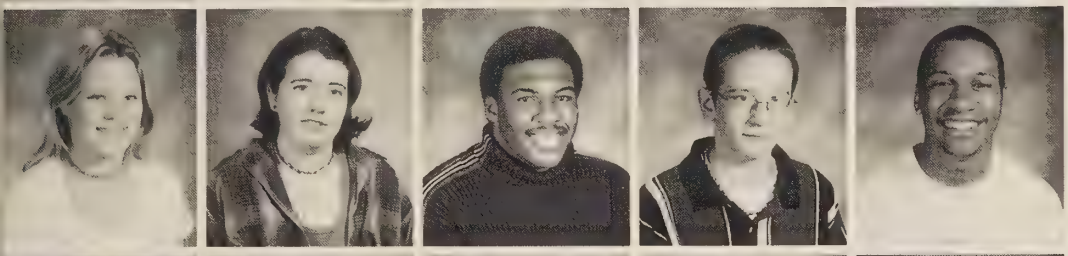

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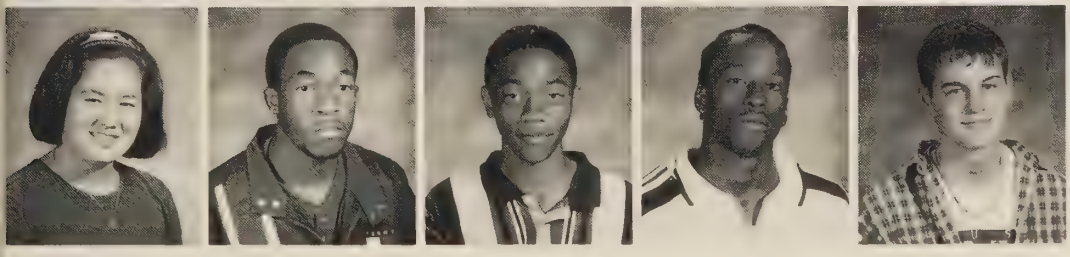

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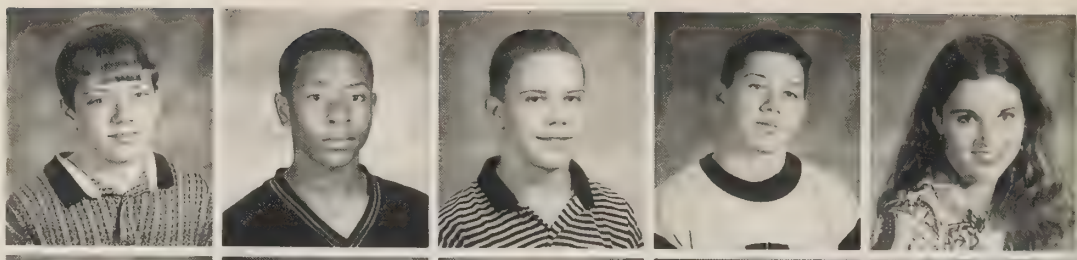

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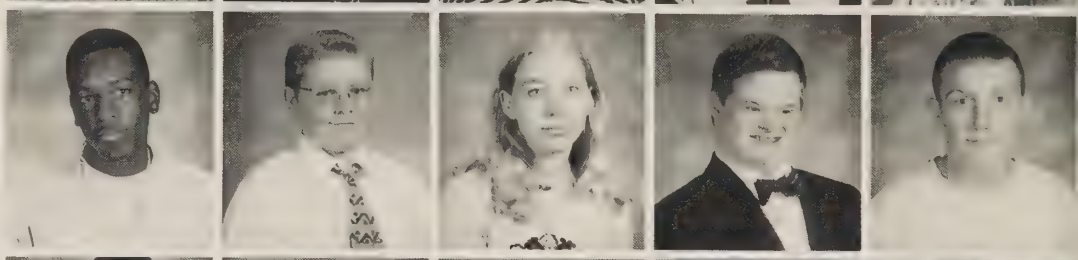

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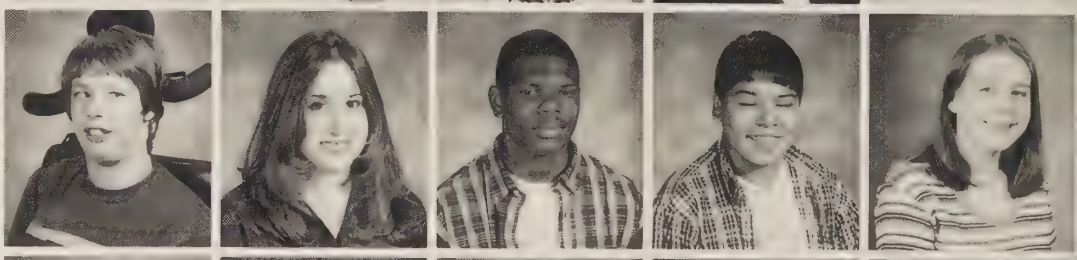

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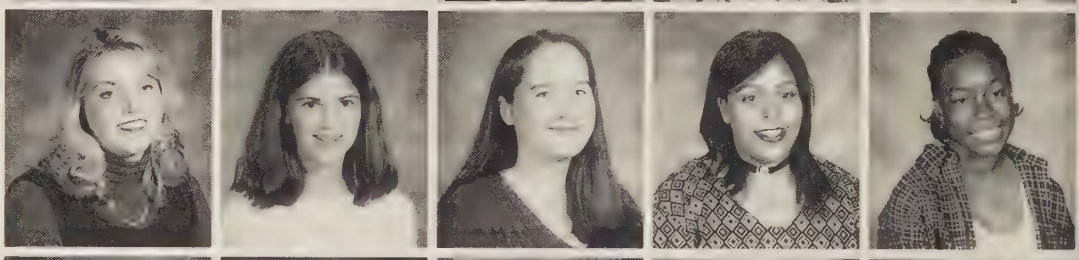

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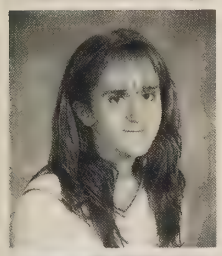

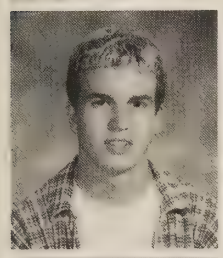

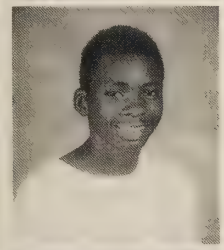
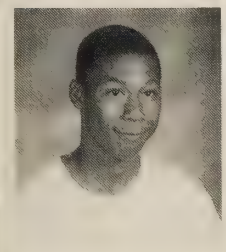

Hawk Horoscopes:

Good advice which can benefit all students.

Capricorn-(Dec.22-Jan.19)- Put something new in your daily routine. It's time to change those aspects of your life you are unhappy with.

Aquarius-(Jan.20-Feb.18)- You've been stressing and your money has been running low so make sure you spend it wisely.

Pisces-(Feb.19-March 20)- The sympathetic manner you convey will help persuade your friends to support an unpopular cause.

Aries-(March 21-April 19)- Stop searching high and low for the meaning of everything because it's probably lying under your nose.

Taurus-(April 20-May 20)- A friendship with the opposite sex is blossoming. Act on this and a great relationship may evolve.

Gemini-(May 21-June 20)- Too much gossip causes trouble to come your way. Instead of dishing the dirt, hit the dirt and take up a new sport.

Cancer-(June 21-July 22)- School, sports, social life, and work are all becoming really hectic. Stay organized to conquer these tasks.

Leo-(July 23-August 22)- Unneccessary stress has been ruling your life and your patience is running low. Take a weekend trip.

Virgo-(August 23-Sept.22)- Those leadership abilities you portray come in handy for a friend in need.

Libra-(Sept.23-Oct.22)- Evaluating your interactions with fellow students helps you view yourself in a more mature manner.

Scorpio-(Oct.23-Nov.21)- Realize the fun your having; before you know it you won't have as much freedom.

Sagittarius-(Nov.22-Dec.21)-The time is coming to begin thinking about your future; choose what you want to do wisely.

Put Your Hands Together For... Angela Lovett

By Stephanie Primack

And this year's Pulitzer Prize Award winner for journalism is... Angela Lovett! Well, maybe not yet, but for Angela this would be a major accomplishment. Angela started writing for the *Insync* supplement in the *Richmond Times Dispatch* after hearing the introduction seminar from her journalism teacher. She was chosen to submit articles after sending in writing samples. "I want to major in journalism and I thought this would be really helpful to learn the ins and outs of this business," said Angela.

Lovett's actual job at *Insync* consists of writing commentary and "Backtalk." "Backtalk" is where you pick people from different schools and get quotes on various topics, then print them on pages for all to see. When her completed assignment is ready to turn in to *Insync*, Angela simply gets online and sends the story through e-mail. "It's weird, I never know for sure if *Insync* got the story until I see it printed out in the paper," said Angela.

Stephanie Primack

Look Into My Eyes. Angela captures the moment in her journalism class. "Taking pictures has to be my favorite part of the whole process," said Angela.

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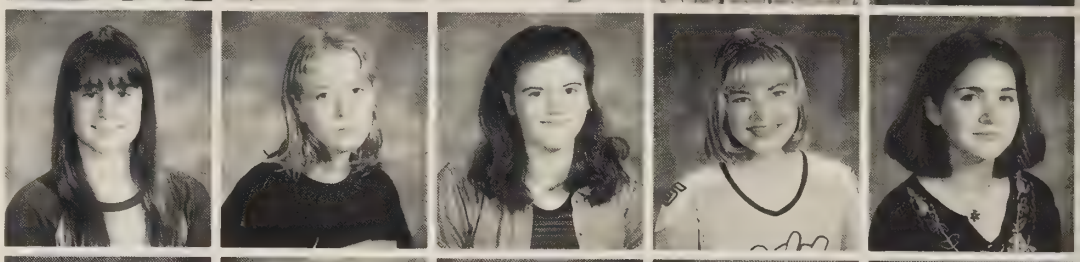

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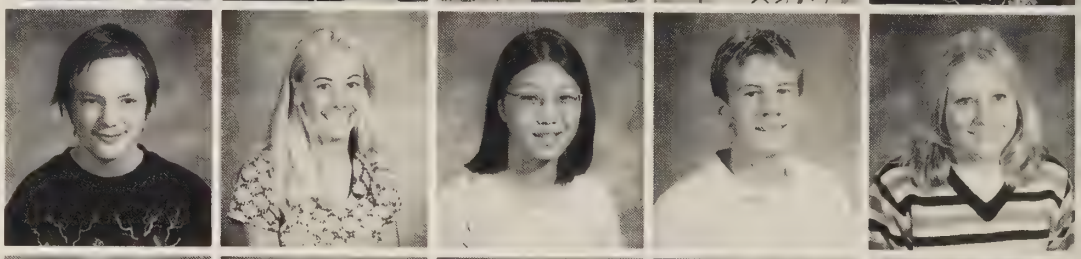

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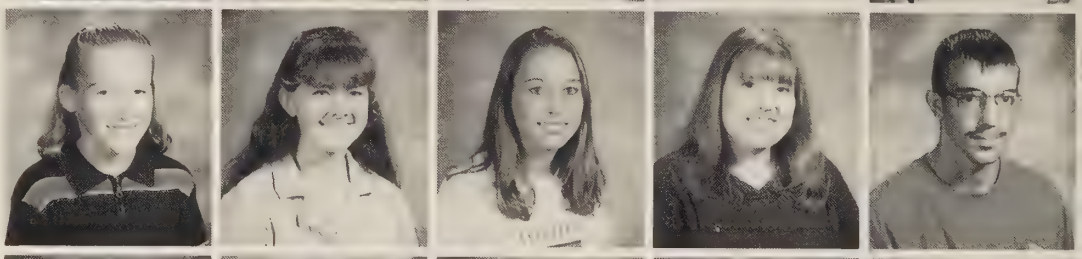

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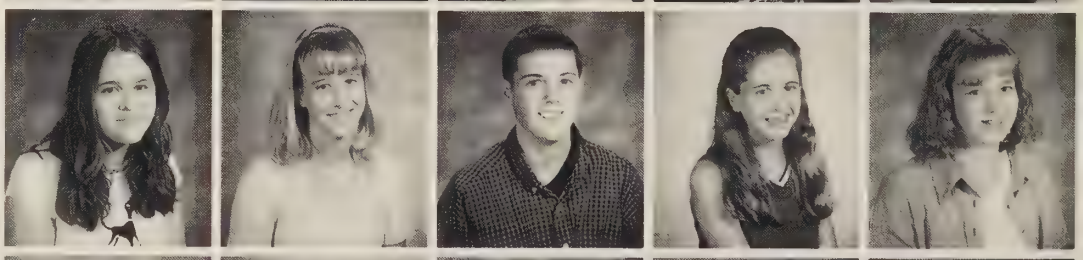

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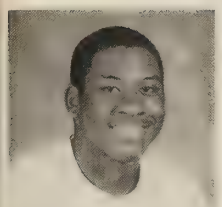
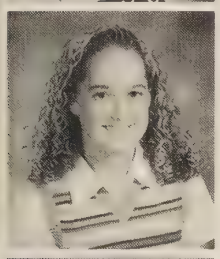
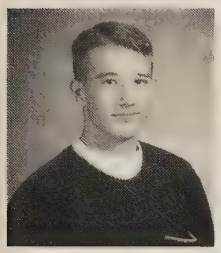


Attraction Distraction

By Stephanie Primack

Appearance, attitudes, and a social life are all common conversations among Skyhawks. However, a vast majority of students' gossip has turned from fashion disasters to teachers. "I found myself talking about how cute some teachers were instead of my fellow classmates; it was really weird!" said junior Lindsay Denny.

Not everyone agrees with the recent obsession with attractive teachers. "It's pointless to develop crushes on teachers because nothing can or will ever come of it," said junior Kelly King.

Although many of the teachers are put in a position to deal with the drools and stares of lusting students, they have to respond in a professional manner. "Knowing that some students are attracted to me makes me quite uncomfortable, but then again it's common among teenagers to develop weird crushes," said Mr. Bland.

Teachers agreed that they come only to educate. Distractions by crushing students are just one more obstacle that they must overcome. "I do what I need to do and do not really think about it; I am not allowed!" said Mr. Sink.

Although students may see these teachers as more of an exhibit and not as their leaders, respect is necessary; no matter what the situation may be. Remember, like an old wise man once said, enjoy the view, but please don't feed the animals.

Katherine Prugh

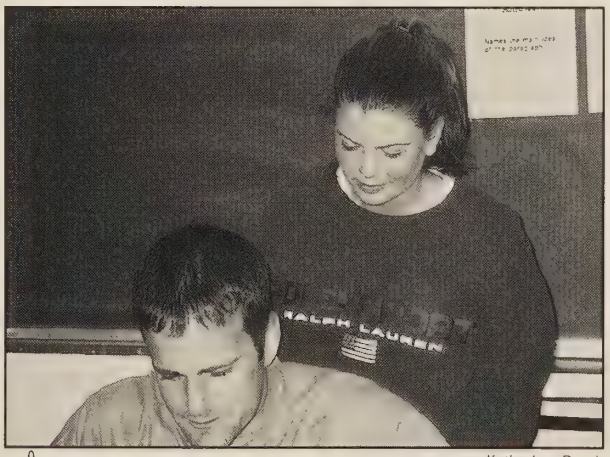
Down on Bended Knee. Juniors Troy Jiggits and Grayson Smith are moved during an extra special lesson taught by Ms. Molina. "I enjoy the creativity she brings out in me," said Troy.

Heather Hile

Beautiful Cover Girl. Sophomore Brittany Welch checks things out in preparation for a male teacher sighting. "A few touch ups are always good," said Brittany.

Stephanie Primack

Daydreamers. Sophomore Hazel Maile and junior Heather McCormack gaze longingly at their favorite teachers. "Lunch time is the best time for an attractive teacher sighting!" said Heather.



Katherine Prugh

Sneakin' a Peek. Sophomore Melissa McNeil glances over Mr. Sink's shoulder to observe what he is doing. "I wanted to see all of the interesting things he does during the day," said Melissa.

Oh Say Can You See. Latin students travel to Baltimore Harbor for a weekend field trip. "I would have been able to enjoy the site more if it hadn't been so cold," said Brandon Yandle.

Memories. The Vietnam war memorial is special to most visitiors including Tonilynn Boehmler. "It was shocking to see how many people were willing to die for our country," said Stephen Knight.

Carolyn Paulette

Marie O'Keasky

Hey, You in the White. Photography students model souveniers from the New York trip. "The best part of the trip was when we went ice-skating. None of us knew how and it was fun watching everybody fall," said Kristin Broughton.

Blues Clues. Junior Shondreka Perry admires a piece of artwork in London. "You would never see anything like this on the streets at home," said Shondreka.

Tasha Peyton

Meredith Cole

Life is a Trip

By Andrea Yancey

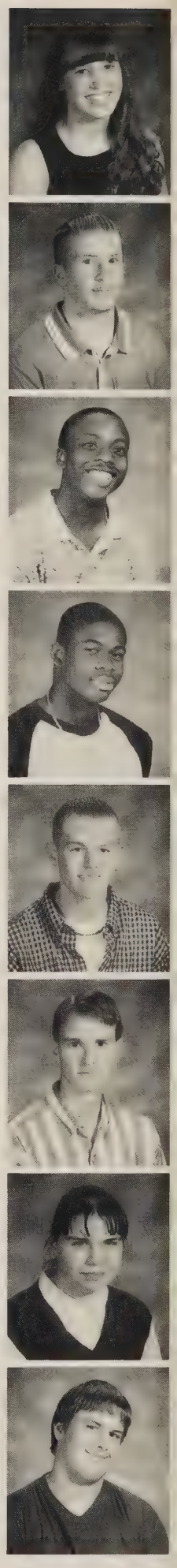
Field trips: the only reason students are proud to get on buses. These educational reinforcers are every student's dream. Having a change of pace for even a couple of hours makes everybody happy, including the teachers. "Field trips provide me the with opportunity to interact with my students in an environment other than school," said Mrs. Hathaway.

Very few students would turn down a field trip, according to Ms. Dockus. Most would go to Timbuktu if given the opportunity to miss a day of classroom instruction. "As soon as a teacher says something about a field trip, I'm prepared to go," said freshman Chris Brown.

With many field trip experiences comes a field trip blunder. "I went on a trip to DC in the eighth grade. Everything was going fine until the bus broke down on the way home," said senior Kim Cutler. Most of the time, however, things run smoothly.

Whether the class is going whale watching, or students are at the bank for bank day, students find a way to make use of what they actually learned on the trip. "I remember after I went to Jamestown in middle school, I could finally see if it looked like what I had imagined in school," said senior Calandra Taylor.

Field trips can be exciting and fun. The time spent out of class is most often time well spent.



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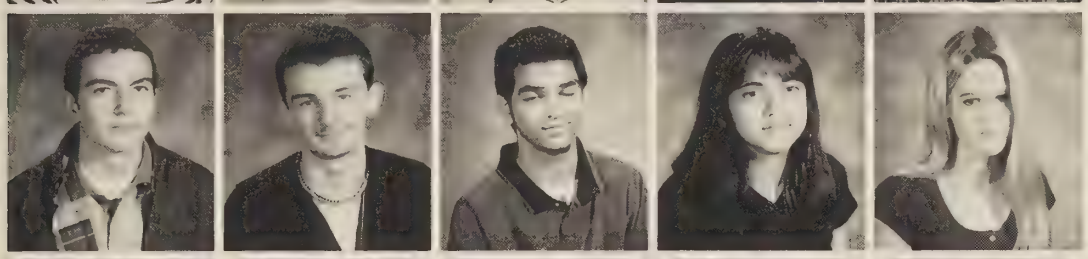

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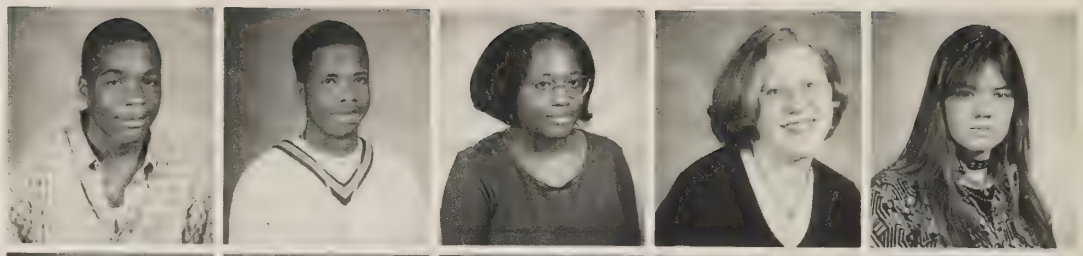

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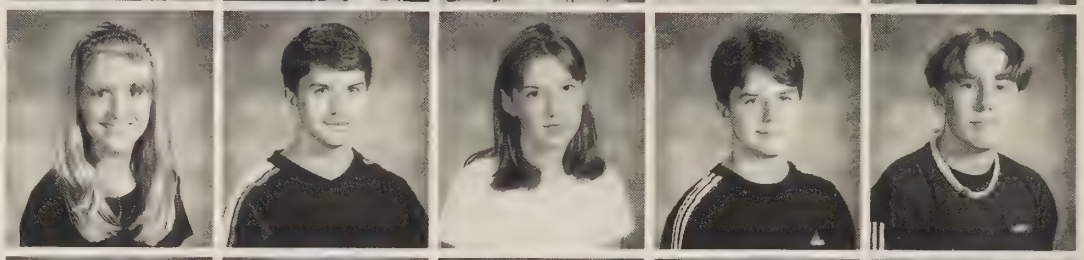

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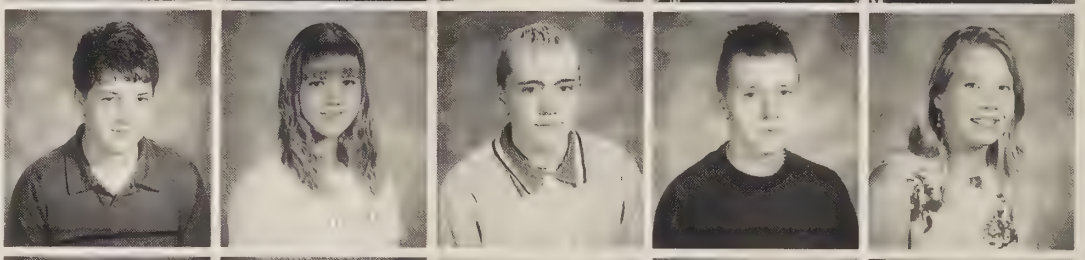

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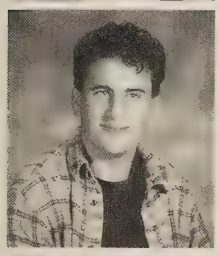
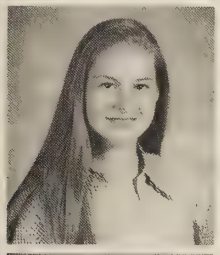
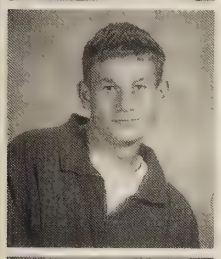
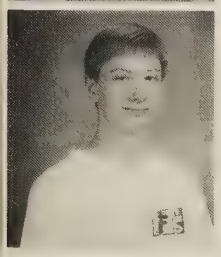
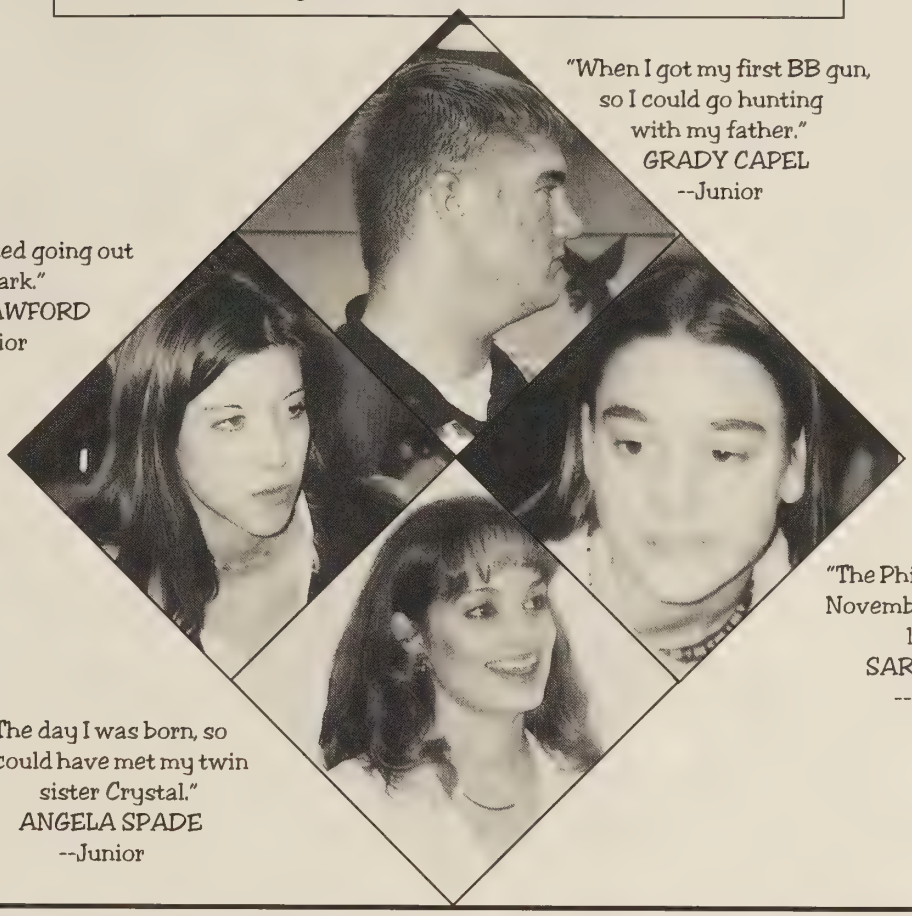




What Event in Life Would You Like to Relive?



"When I got my first BB gun, so I could go hunting with my father."
GRADY CAPEL
--Junior

"The day I started going out with Mark."
ALICIA CRAWFORD
--Junior

"The Phish concert on November 21 and 22, 1998."
SARA LITTLE
--Senior

"The day I was born, so I could have met my twin sister Crystal."
ANGELA SPADE
--Junior

Put Your Hands Together For... Derek Price

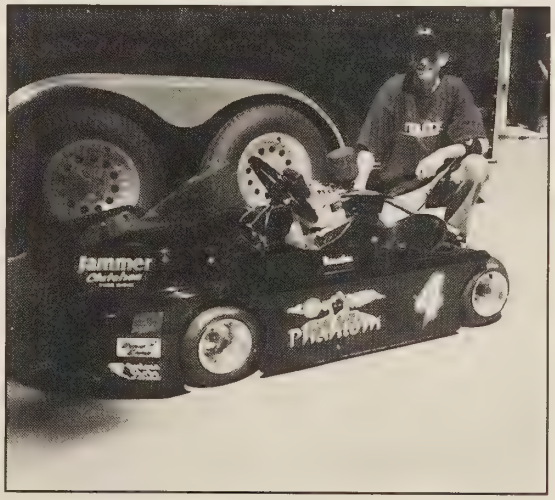
By Heather Hile

Sophomore Derek Price has been racing go-carts for five years. He started when he was ten years old because his brother had raced, and he wanted to get in on the action. His family uses racing as a way to spend quality time with each other. "It's a family thing, " said Derek.

Derek participates in races up and down the East Coast in State and National competitions. Each race consists of twenty laps, which is five miles, and lasts about forty-five minutes.

Derek's car is a 1991 black Phantom Racing Chassis that can go up to sixty miles per hour. His new car's number will be 31. Derek said, "It was my basketball coach's number in college basketball, and I chose that number because I look up to him."

Since he has been racing he has been the champion of at least 35 races. Derek hopes his dedication and determination will take him to the professional level in the future.



Cole Price

Show Off. Derek displays one of his Phantom go-carts before a big race. "I'm waiting for another car to arrive. I can't wait to get on the track with it," said Derek.

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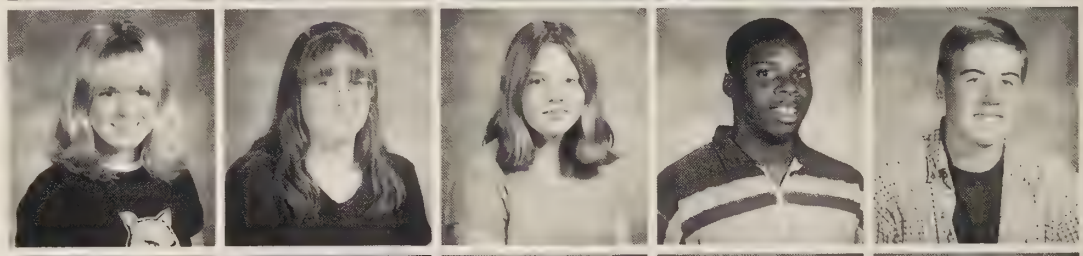

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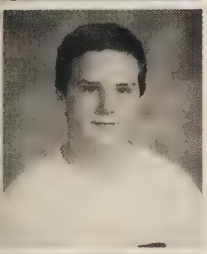
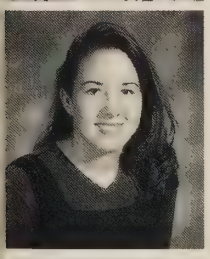




The Apple of Their Eye?

By Ashley Matthews

How much is TOO much? Sucking up to teachers is often a playful way to earn some "brownie" points but sometimes crosses the line. "When kids buy their teachers presents or hang out with them on weekends, they go too far," said junior Earl Beemer. Junior Miles Frampton said that knowing your teachers on a first name basis means that things are out of hand.

How does a student become his or her teacher's favorite? The pet status is achieved in many different ways. Junior Brian Cannon said, "I just happen to always have something positive to say to the teacher, whether I mean it or not."

However, for others it comes more easily. "I'd like to think that it's my charm that scores me points with the teachers," said senior Jason Martin.

What do the teachers think of the students' attempts to suck-up? Earth science teacher Mr. Powell commented that he is just more in tune with some students naturally and likes them regardless of what they do but "some can really grate on my nerves!"

Other teachers are more specific in their qualifications of a favorite student. Latin teacher Ms. Munro joked, "I always like a cute boy!"

Do teachers' pets get on other students nerves? Sure, the teachers might love a lot of flattery and extra attention, but some students feel differently. Junior Ashley Brandl said, "It's embarassing that they have to suck up to the to get in good with the teacher."

Whether students loathe teacher's pets or love being one, those favorites are invariably present in every classroom. Freshman Phillip Panchyshyn said, "Teachers pets are everywhere--you just can't avoid them!"

Ashley Matthews

☞ *Three Pets are Better Than One.* Heather Hile, Kelly Short and Paul Harris spent their spring break painting Ms. Munro's podium in UNC colors. "I'm glad I spent the time making it for her," said Paul.

☞ *What a Work of Art!* Senior Monique McBride's level of enthusiam and diligence makes her one of Mrs. O'Kleasky's favorite photography students. "Monique is such a wonderful person--highly talented and self motivated," said Mrs. O'Kleasky.

Ashley Matthews

You Might Be A Brown-noser If...

✓you stop by their room between classes and after school

✓you bring them flowers and candy

✓you have a pet name for them (Sweetie, Honey, etc...)

✓you offer to take them out to dinner

✓you compliment obviously ugly outfits

✓you offer to fix the overhead (even if it's not broken)

✓you beg for an after school detention

✓you "accidentally" bump into them on the weekends

✓you periodically refer to your future together

✓you make them a cake on their birthday

✓you have more than one "Super Student" t-shirt

Back Breakers

By Cynthia Reed

Bookbags. Knapsacks. Backpacks. Purses. These items are all useful sources for toting around students' basic items throughout the day. But could these handy bags mean more harm than good? According to news reports, a backpack should weigh no more than 10 to 15 percent of your body weight. Many students exceed this limit which can cause extreme stress on their backs.

These back problems can be blamed on many things, including the size of books that students must carry for classes. The English book seems to be the least popular textbook due to its overwhelming size. "I hate carrying around my English book because it's really hard on my back," said freshman Chris Reed.

From hairbrushes to letters and notes, junk can play an important role in adding weight to students' bookbags. Junior Elizabeth Seay said, "My bookbag is so heavy because of all my letters and most importantly, my makeup."

Not all items that take up space in bookbags are labeled junk. Students also carry important items such as planners and notebooks. Senior Jeric Murphy said, "The most important thing I carry in my bookbag is my Bible because anytime during the day I can turn to it for inspiration."

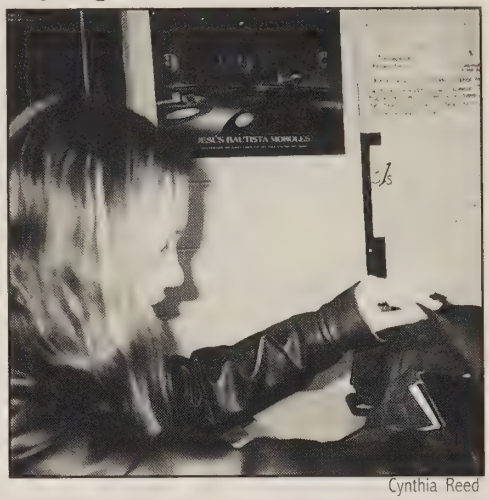
One of the other ways that students put stress on their backs is carrying all their books with them at once. "I carry all my books with me during the day because I don't even know where my locker is. I haven't used it since I've come to this school," said junior Evans Clark.

So, for those of you that are putting stress on your backs and causing yourselves pain and discomfort, maybe you need to *lighten up*!

Cynthia Reed

Yackity Yack. Junior Aaron Lape and sophomore Ashley Haake converse while waiting for the bell to ring in photography class. "I'm not all about lugging a bookbag around," Ashley said.

Digging For Gold. Junior Katie Wise digs through her over-stuffed bookbag in algebra class. "There's so much in there I can never find anything," Katie said.



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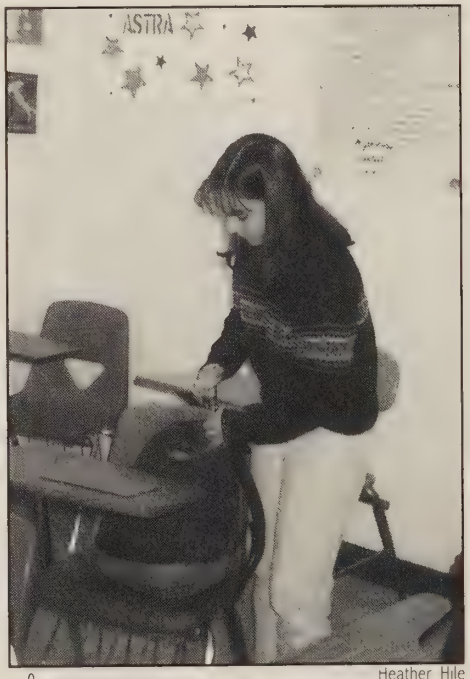
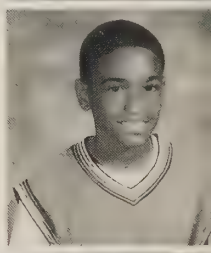
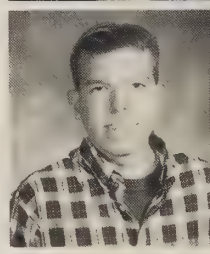
The Bottomless Pit. Sophomore Chi-Chi Chijoke's bookbag is stuffed with all sorts of school day supplies.

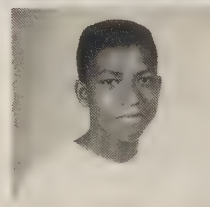


Heather Hile

Even or Odd? Junior Michelle Bise checks her bookbag for her odd day books. "Maybe if teachers didn't give me so many books I wouldn't have to carry a bookbag," Michelle said.







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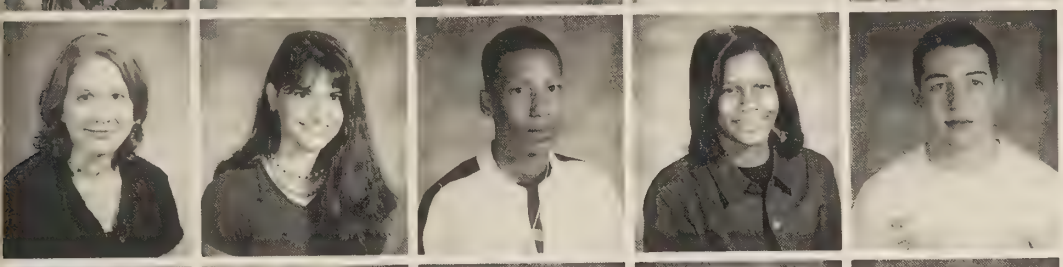

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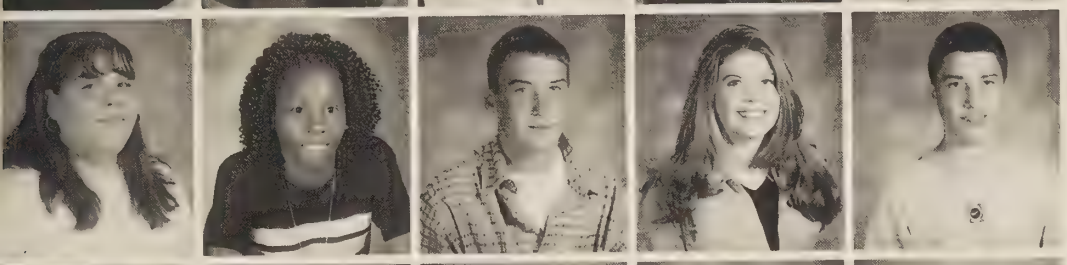

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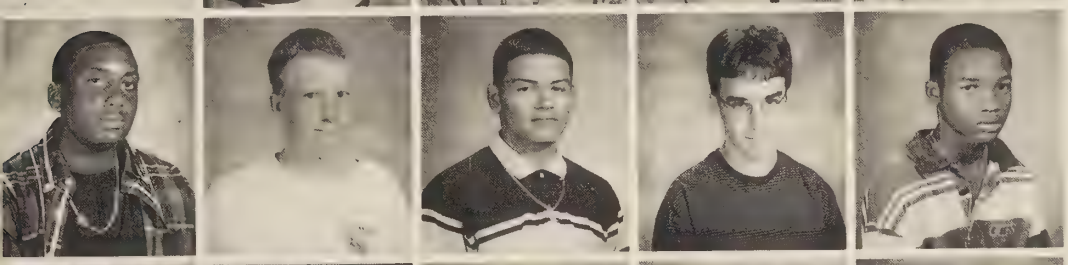

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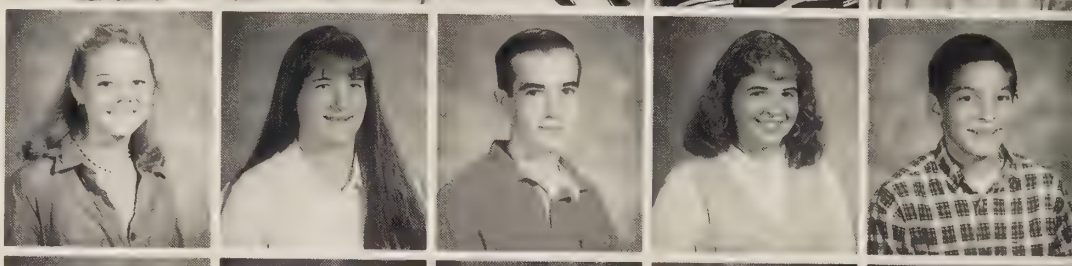

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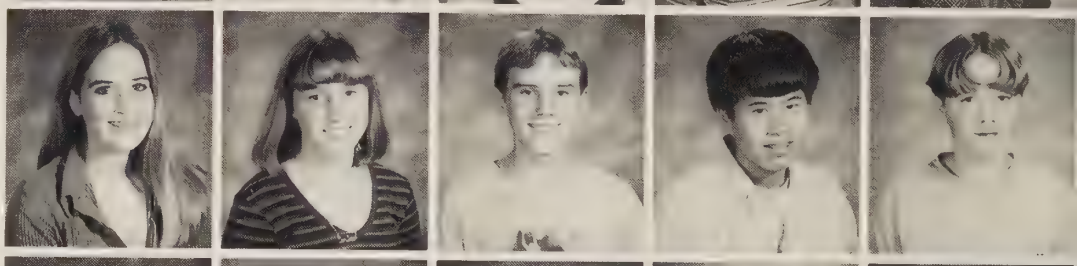

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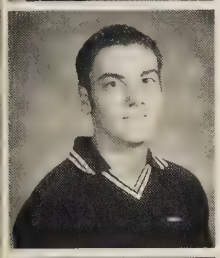
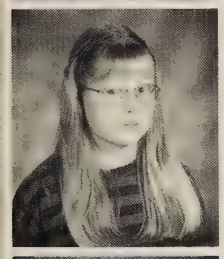




Law & Order

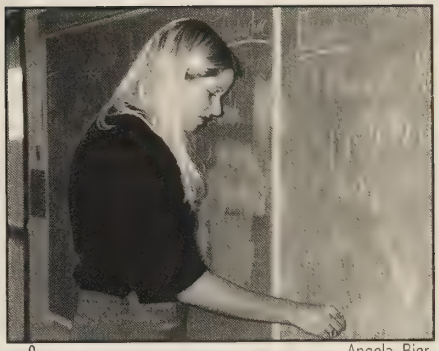
By Angela Bier

Rules--every teacher has them. Without rules, school would be total chaos. Many teachers have the usual rules: no talking, no gum, and no disrespect.

Mr. Mingus and Mr. Powell both agree that gum popping is unacceptable. "I won't fight the chewing but I can't stand the popping," said Powell. Mr. Cormier's only rule is simply not to make him mad.

Although most teachers' rules are reasonable, there are a few that are out of the ordinary. The punishment for breaking rules vary from teacher to teacher. Mr. Cave prefers sticking kids in the corner with their nose to the wall. "If they act like little kids then they have to stand in the corner like little kids," said Cave. If students get sent out of Mr. Preskitt's class the only way they are allowed back in is if they are escorted by their parents.

Even substitutes have rules, Jennifer Terrill said, "Once we had a substitute that made us do push-ups when we did something wrong." There is no way to escape rules, they're just a part of life. So if you do, prepare to suffer the consequences.


Angela Bier

Crime and Punishment. Senior Ashley Oliver writes as her punishment in Mr. McCullough's class. "I am at the board more than I am at my desk," said Ashley.

Angela Bier

Rites de Passage. Sophomore J. R. Wingfield uses the potty pass in shop class. "It's a good idea to have it as a pass because nobody wants to go," said J.R.

Put Your Hands Together For... Sara Benson

By Angela Bier

Junior Sara Benson spends many of her weekends volunteering as a salesclerk for Buckshot Jones' souvenir trailer at races. Sara is a major supporter of the professional racecar driver. Sara has been going to the Busch Grand National races following Buckshot and dropping in the souvenir trailer to check out the merchandise for about two years. "The reason I started following Buckshot was because I thought he was cute," said Sara.

The employees got to know Sara, the girl they call Pooky, because she came in so often. One day while watching Buckshot on television in the trailer, Sara saw a customer who needed assistance and asked them if they needed help. Ever since that day she's been lending a helping hand. "My mom thinks it is crazy that I am such a big fan of Buckshot," said Sara.

Sara was recently voted the #1 Buckshot Jones' fan on the internet. She was personally invited to attend Buckshot's wedding in December. "It took my mom and me a whole plane trip to finally realize we were going to his wedding," said Sara. In the future Sara hopes to pursue this job and hopefully to make a career out of it. Sara is what most of us would consider a very loyal fan.

Paula Benson

Time Out. Junior Sara Benson looks on while Nascar driver Buckshot Jones takes a break from the track to sign autographs. "He's a great guy who's exciting to watch," said Sara.

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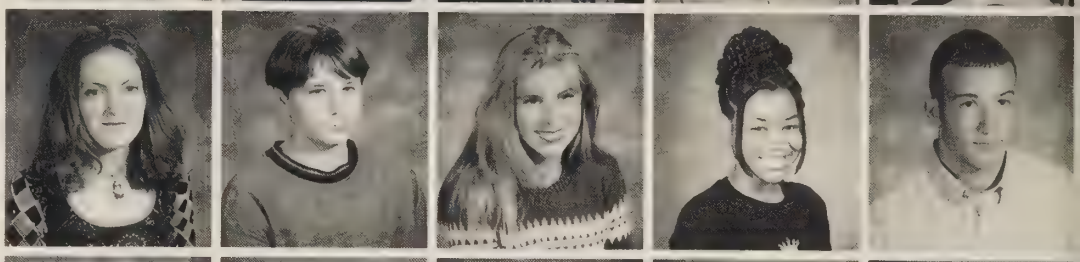

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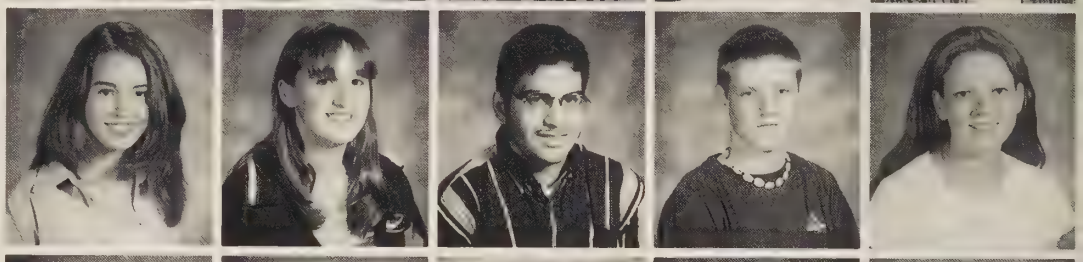

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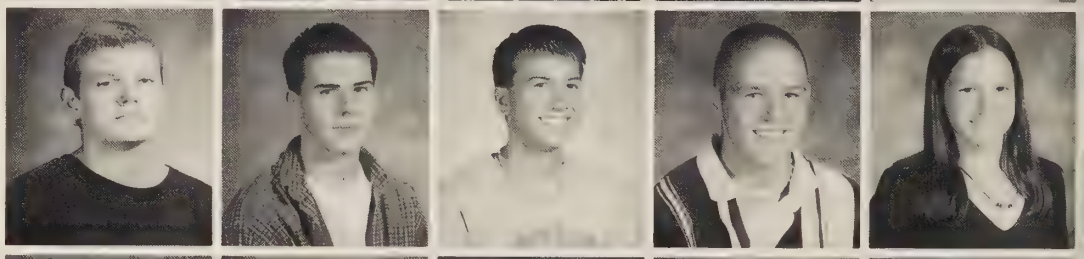

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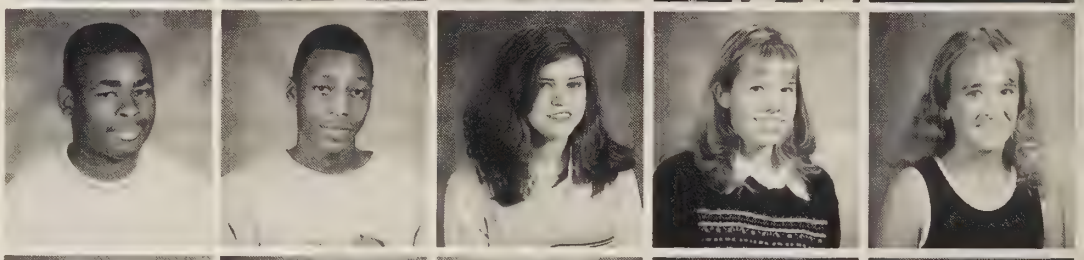

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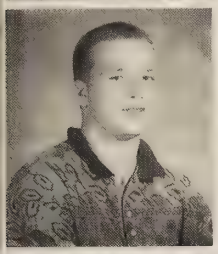
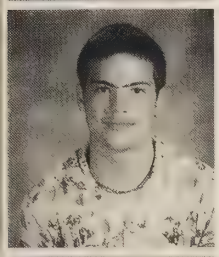
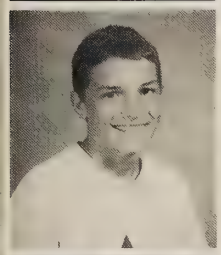






Take A Stand

By Annalisa Volo

Stand tall, stand proud, and stand up for what you believe in. Whether it's racism, abortion, or religion, everyone has something they feel strongly about.

"I believe in God and Christianity. If I didn't have God, I would be lost in life," said junior Josh Vereen.

Senior Sara Little said that she believes "everyone has the right to happiness in their life and should do whatever it takes to get it."

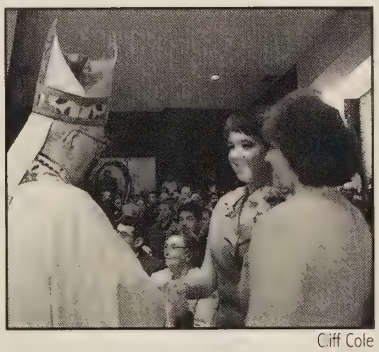
Other students have very strong opinions concerning values. Sophomore Kezia Williams said, "I don't believe in sex before marriage because it can definitely ruin your future."

Junior Gary Shepherd is strongly against racism. "You shouldn't hate someone because of the color of their skin. You should always treat people for who they are," said Gary.

A popular issue under debate is abortion. Senior Shannon Carneal believes that "unborn children should have the right to life. Abortion is out of the question."

Senior Christie Toney said that her strongest belief is "to share a special bond with your parents and to treat them with respect beacuse they won't be around forever."

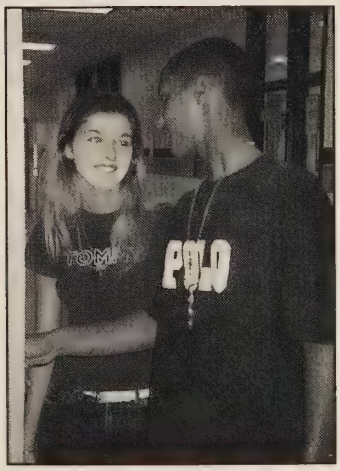
Everyone has something that they strongly stand for. While people may not always agree with others' beliefs, respect for people and what they believe in keeps peace in a melting pot of different opinions.



Cliff Cole

☞ *So Happy Together.* Junior Dessi Aspiotis and sophomore Julian Davis strongly believe that there is nothing wrong with an interracial relationship. "We have been together for three and a half years and if people stare at us, it doesn't even phase us because we care about each other and that's all that matters," said Dessi.

☞ *Have a Little Faith.* Junior Aimee Piacentini's strongest belief is attending church every Sunday. "Being confirmed enabled me to become closer to God and to learn more about my inner self," said Aimee.



Angela Howsmon

What do you stand for?

* " I am against abortion. If you're old enough to make a baby then you should be able to take care of it." - Brandi Taylor, 11

* "You should live your life to the fullest in respect of Jesus Christ." -Jonathon Tingen, 12

* "I am against racism because you shouldn't judge a book by its cover. Everybody is equal." -Crystal Johnson, 11

* "I think that gossip and spreading rumors can only cause trouble for you later on." -Jason Seaborne, 11

* "I am against violence. God gave us life and should take it only as He so chooses. We don't have a right to decide another one's fate." -Lauressa Champaco , 11

* "I beleive that you should treat animals like you want to be treated. I love animals." -Jerry Robertson, 11

* "I don't believe in pre-marital sex." -Brooke Leatherwood, 11

* " I believe that a man should be honorable and respectful to all life and living things because whatever goes around comes around." - Will Atkins

* "I believe that our children are our future because they are the stepping stones to the millenium."-Shontrese Smith 12

Junior Class Officers

Angela Howsmon

Rosie Brown, President; Angela Lovett, Vice President; Kristin Sisson, Treasurer; Donna Pearce, Secretary. The prom committee, made up of juniors, helped junior class officers with prom decisions. Those on prom committee were Angela Lovett, Kris Hilscher, Jimmy Ebertowski, Chelsey Coulter, Brandon Williamson, Kelly King, Donna Pearce, Ben Dubisar, Brandy Wagenseller, Doug Paul, Daedrae Pulley, and Kristin Sisson.

President -- Rosie Brown

"Being Class President for the past two and a half years has meant a lot to me. It's given me the opportunity to take opinions from students, and any new ideas to several meetings with the Superintendant and school disrict heads. I could never be a successful leader without a great foundation of students supporting me."

Vice President -- Angela Lovett

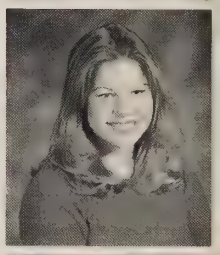
"Becoming a class officer has taught me to work well with my fellow classmates. It has opened me up to new opinions and ways of dealing with problems. The responsibility of becoming president after Rosie left has improved my leadership skills even more. I think I have definitely become a better person."

Secretary --Donna Pearce

"Being a class officer has made my junior year quite memorable. I am able to help my classmates and do things that they suggest. It has also brought me closer to my fellow officers through all of the prom meetings we had."

Treasurer -- Kristin Sisson

"Being a class officer has been great. I got to work with my classmates and friends. Making important decisions about prom was one of the best things about being a class officer. This experience has taught me some of the leadership skills I will need later in life."



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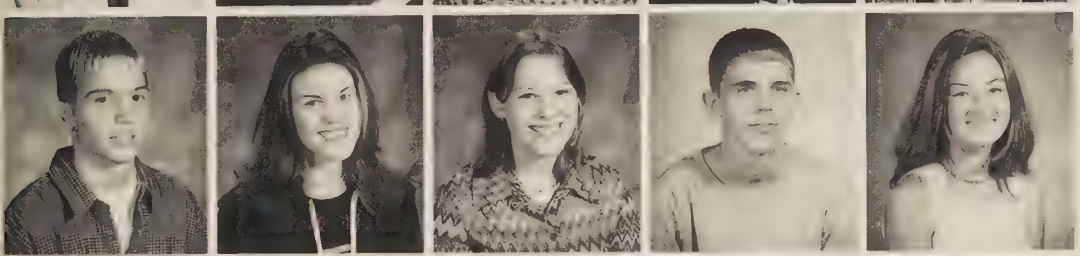

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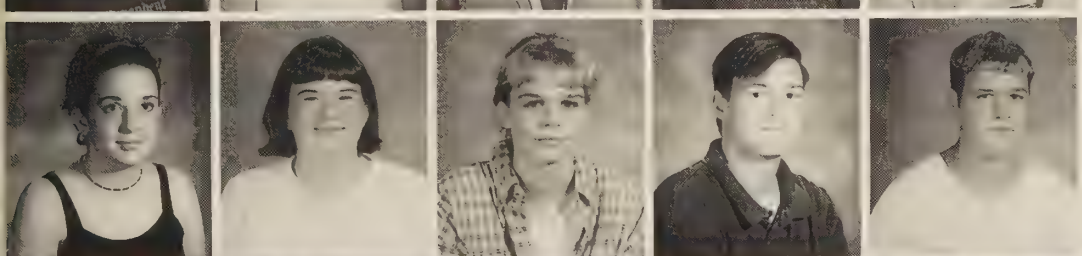

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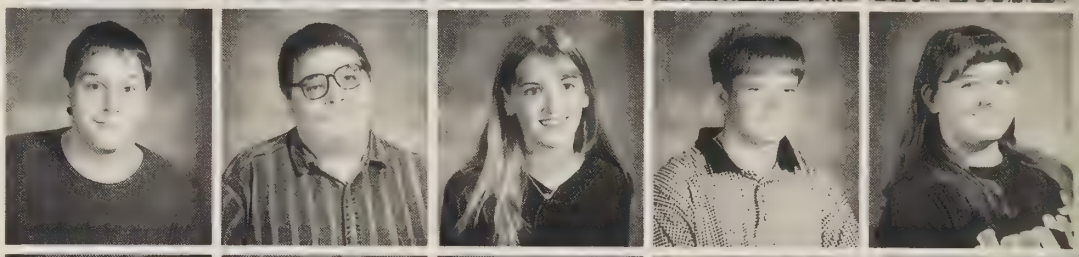

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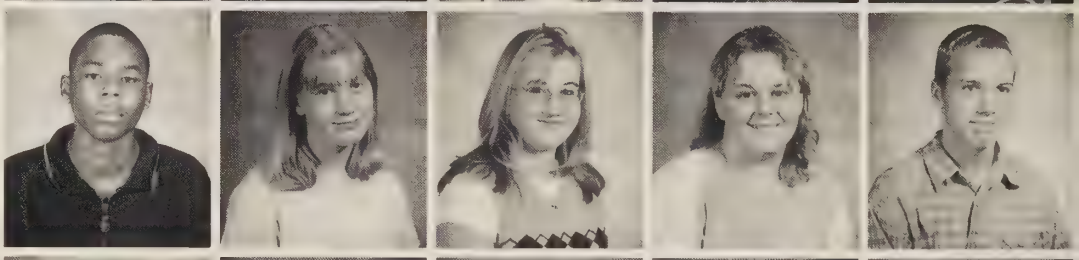

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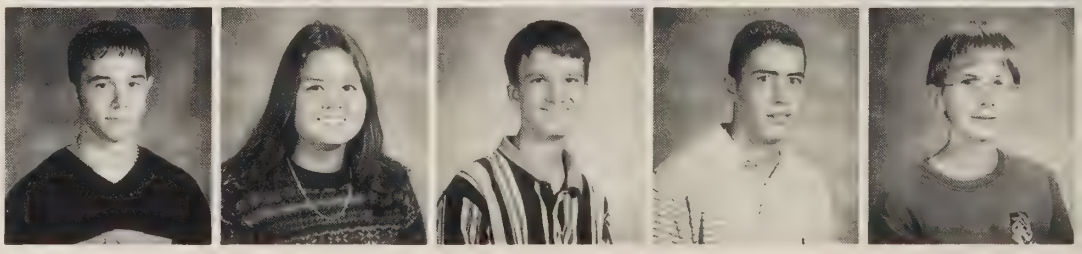
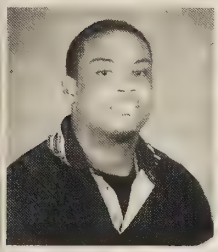
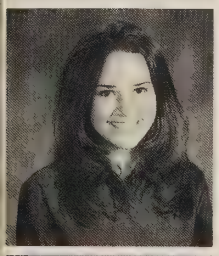
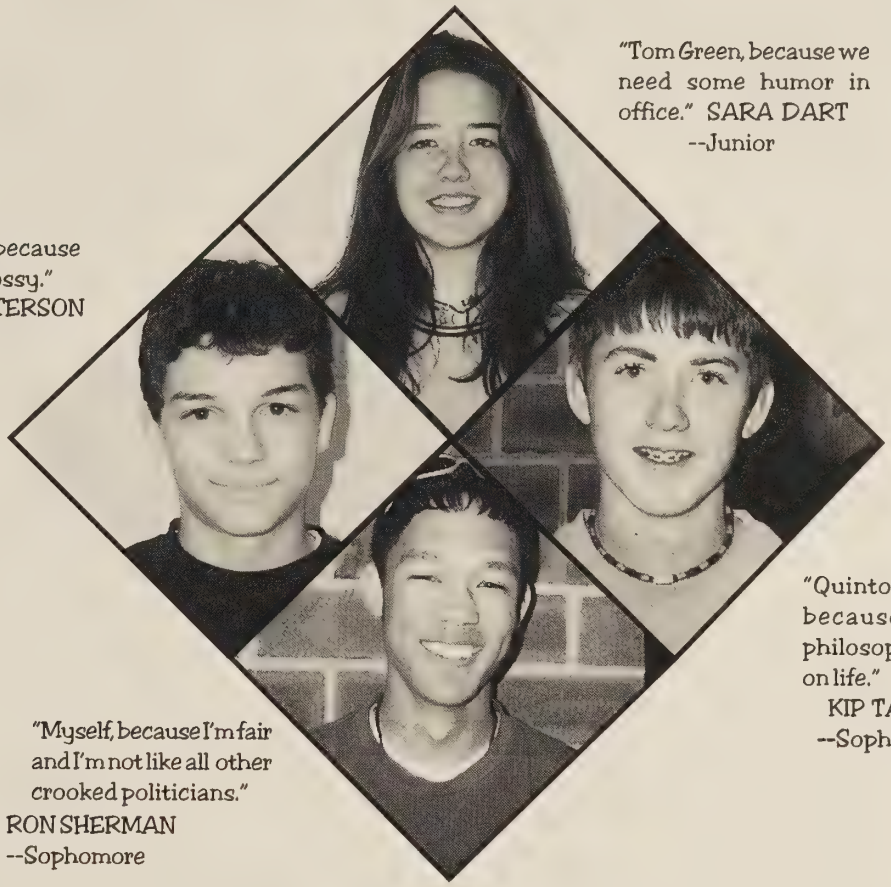






Who would you like to see become President?



"Tom Green, because we need some humor in office." SARA DART --Junior

"Coach Cave because he's so bossy." NATHAN PETERSON --Freshman

"Quinton Tarantino because of his philosophical views on life." KIP TALLEY --Sophomore

"Myself, because I'm fair and I'm not like all other crooked politicians." RON SHERMAN --Sophomore

Put Your Hands Together For... Putra Bridge

By Kris McNew

"I don't know but I've been told..." Putra Bridge is in the reserves. Yes, it's true, junior Putra Bridge is involved in the Army Reserves.

She joined this program for many different reasons, but mainly because she gets nominated to go to West Point Academy after high school. Putra has learned leadership and tact, and an extra bonus is that she gets paid well. Her favorite part of the reserves is traveling and playing war games.

When she isn't putting in time with the reserves, Putra stays very busy with school. She was ranked fifth in her class in her junior year, and she stays quite active with extracurricular activities.

Putra moved to Chesterfield County from Germany in 1998. In Germany, she played American football as a running back. She now plays soccer but said she enjoys American football more because of the tackling and tactics. "I like to think of myself as a rennaissance woman, " said Putra.

The Bridge Family

Guard Ten-Hut. Standing with the American flag, Putra Bridge said that the reserves has helped her a lot. "Being in the reserves has taught me discipline and respect," she said.

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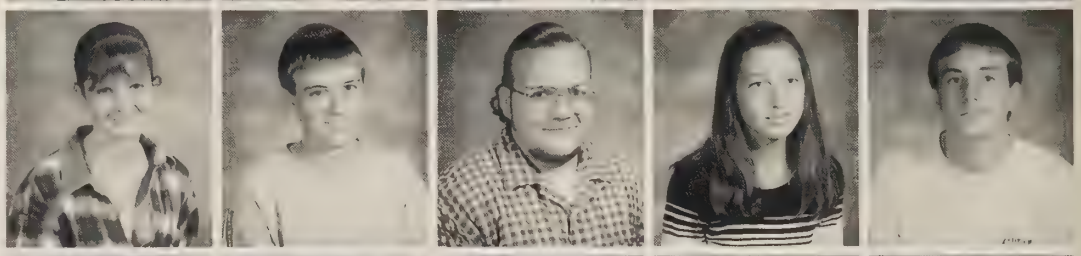

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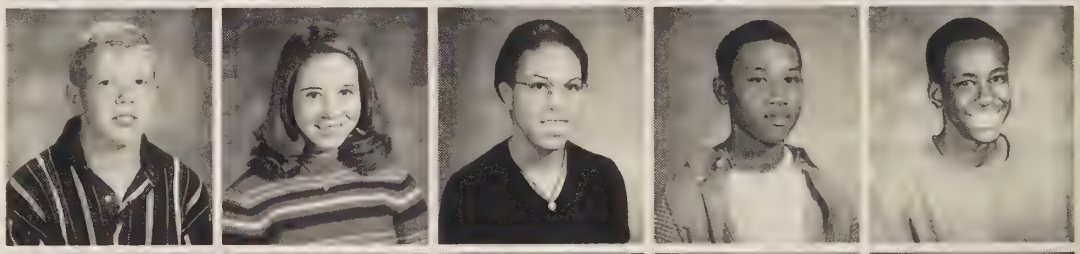

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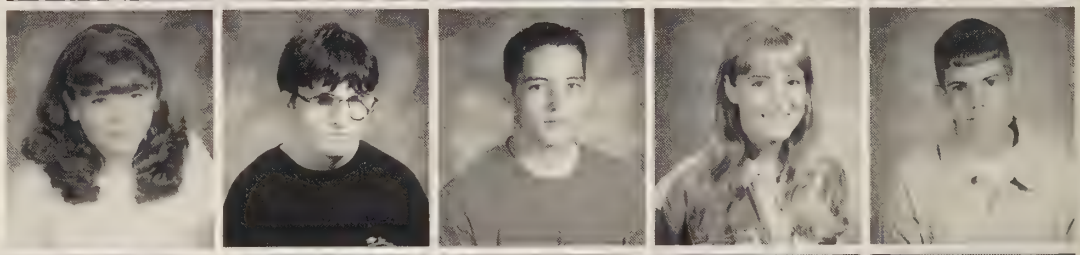

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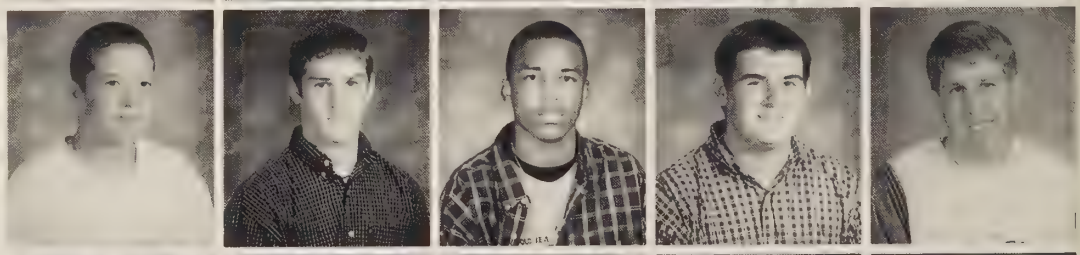

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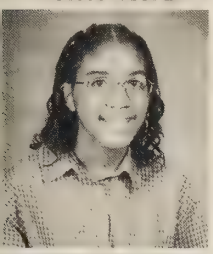
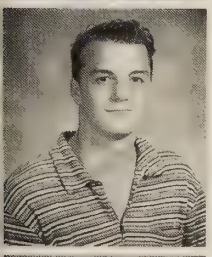




Get on Board

By Katherine Prugh

Cheese wagon, the Big cheese, the yellow submarine. Does this sound familiar? Students use these nicknames to refer to a certain mode of public transportation...THE BUS. Some students don't see riding the bus as a bad thing. "I like riding the bus because in the afternoon it gets loud and there are more people to talk to," said Freshmen Michael Packer.

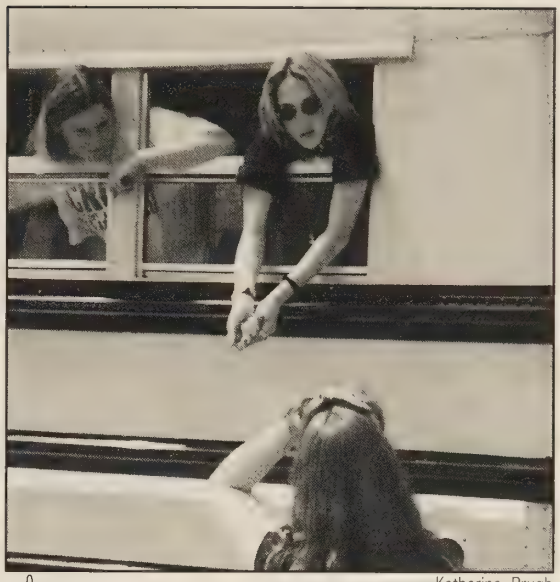
Others ride the bus to meet new people. "If there's a nice looking girl on the bus you can use it as an opportunity to get to know her," said Sophomore Seon Hobbs.

However, not all bus-riders find the ride enjoyable. "I don't like to ride the bus because the fumes and noise give me a headache," said junior Amalia Herald.

Bus drivers try to get involved with the students. They get to know them and even try to make the ride somewhat fun. "At the end of the year we have a water balloon fight. It gets kind of crazy," said sophomore Jack Haddix.

Safety on the bus is always a big concern. There normally isn't any trouble on high school buses but there is an occasional altercation. "There have been a few fights, throwing objects and talking back to the bus driver but these situations happen more often in middle school. For the most part we have a great group of kids," said Mr. Foege.

Whether riding the bus is a pain, or the most enjoyable part of the school day, most agree that at some point, those big yellow vehicles are a neccessary part of the "educational process."



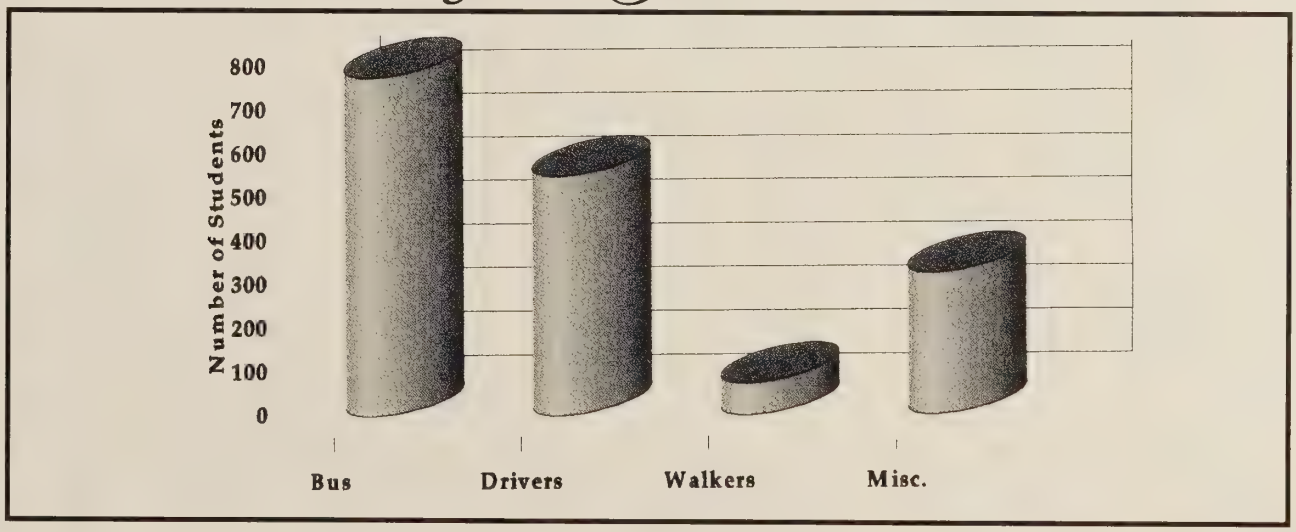
Katherine Prugh

Say What? Erin Ferguson, Crystal Gilliland, and Amanda Witfield fit in a few words before the buses leave. "Do you want to hang out later?" said Erin.

Katherine Prugh

Save me a seat. Junior Jason Broughton gets on the bus early to make sure he gets a good seat. "I don't usually ride the bus, but when I do, I'm always glad to get a good seat," said Jason.

How do you get to school?



The Big Switch

By Dara Boggs

Who says boys can't change diapers? And who says girls can't change tires? With the large variety of classes offered at Bird, there's bound to be a girl in car repair or a boy in home economics.

Sophomore Shannon Dandridge took an Engineering class with Mr. Mac. "In some cases he may not call on me to do certain things, but when he does, most of the time I manage to do a better job than the guys would have," Shannon said.

Junior Jennifer Fuller was enrolled in an advanced P.E. class. There were only three girls in her class. "I took the class to stay in shape and the field trips seemed like fun," Jennifer said. The advanced P.E. classes took two field trips; one to a ropes course and another on a repelling adventure.

Another girl in a typically "male" class was junior Jennifer Harrington, who took an architectual drawing class. Jennifer said, "I want to be an architect so I took the class. I caught on a lot faster because girls are smarter than boys."

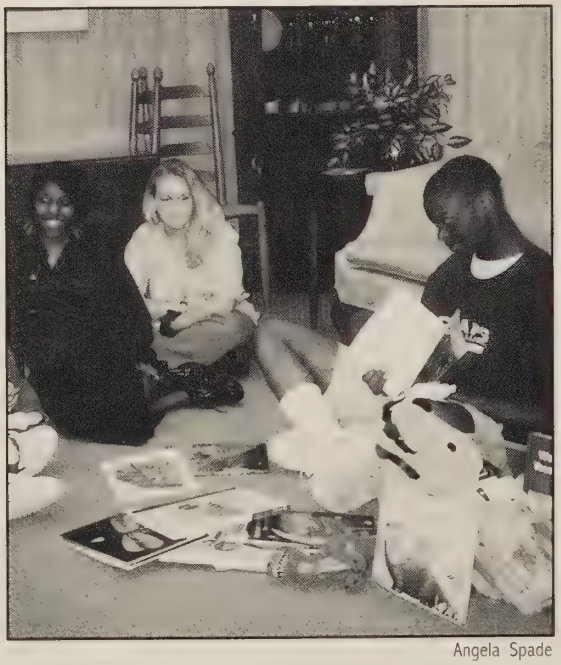
Junior Brock Butler was enrolled in a child development class, along with two other guys in his class. Brock said, "I liked the class because it showed how a guy reacts to a baby and not just how a girl would."

As you can see, here in the 90's, boys and girls take classes to make themselves happy. And the majority don't get teased, so they all enjoy what they do.

Angela Spade

Hardware the Hard Way. Many girls in a computer repair class might have given up, but that just wasn't the case for sophomore Sothy Chan. "I gave it my all, and proved to everyone that I could do it," Sothy said.

Not a Chance. Junior Gboye Adebayo reads to his "children" in child development class. "I took this class in hopes of it being slack, but I was wrong," Gboye said.



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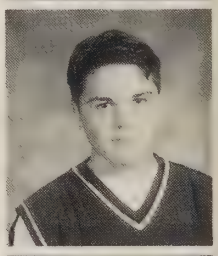

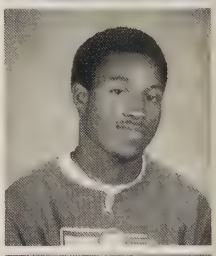

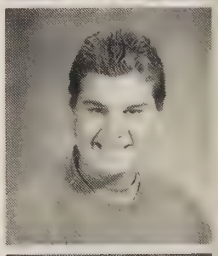

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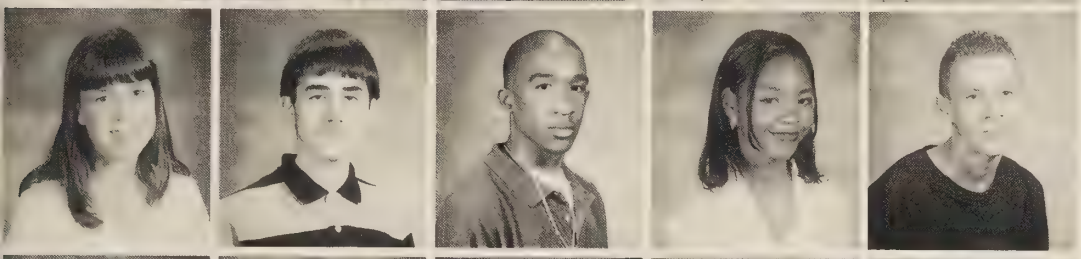

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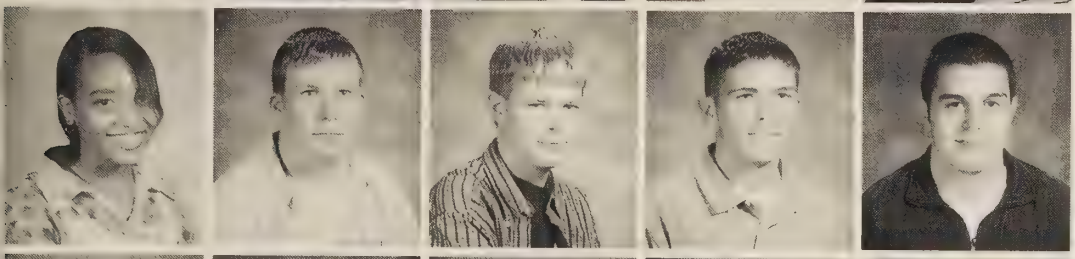

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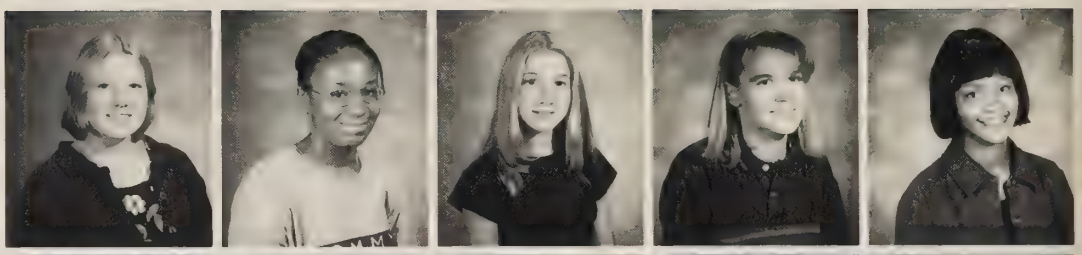

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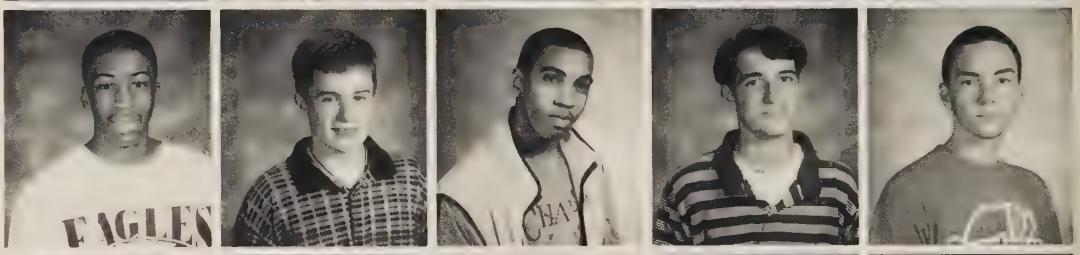

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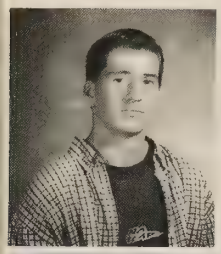
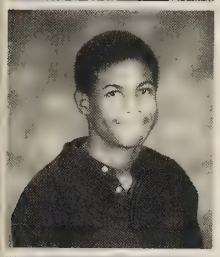
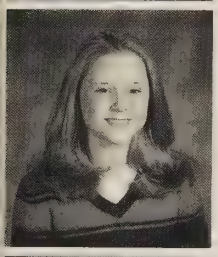
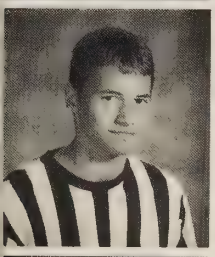
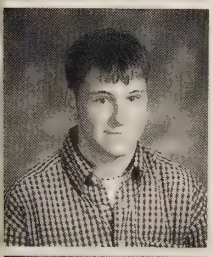
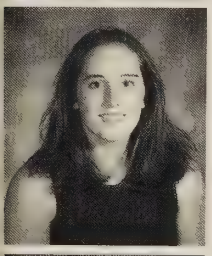
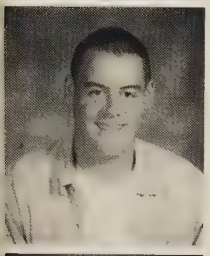
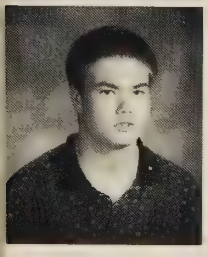









Practical Pranksters

By Annalisa Volo

Pranksters and kidders; have they come across your path yet? If not, be on the lookout because this school is full of them.

Junior Dessi Aspiotis ate lunch at Subway one day. "I took the forms out of the sweepstakes box and called the people who entered and told them that they had won a prize and to meet at the Crestar Bank in downtown Richmond."

Junior Josh Vereen had to go to court one day for receiving several speeding tickets. "When I got home, I told my mom that I had to spend the night in jail. She was upset because she really believed me, but she didn't think it was really funny when I told her that I really had charges dismissed."

People's cars seem to be a main target for practical jokes; from toilet paper to..umm..other things. "My friends and I stuck pads all over someone's car while she was at work," said junior Cortney Bradford. Junior Jason Vicente played a joke by tying the "shell" of a computer to one of his friend's cars, and waiting to see the reaction when he realized what he was dragging down the road.

Junior John Woods knew that his dad hated snakes. As a joke, he took a box that he made in shop class and stuck a fake snake in it. The snake popped out when he opened the box. "It scared my dad and he was pretty mad at me," said John.

If you're planning to scare someone with fake doggy poop or plotting to toilet paper someone's yard, be prepared to accept the consequences, whether it be laughter, anger, or retaliation.

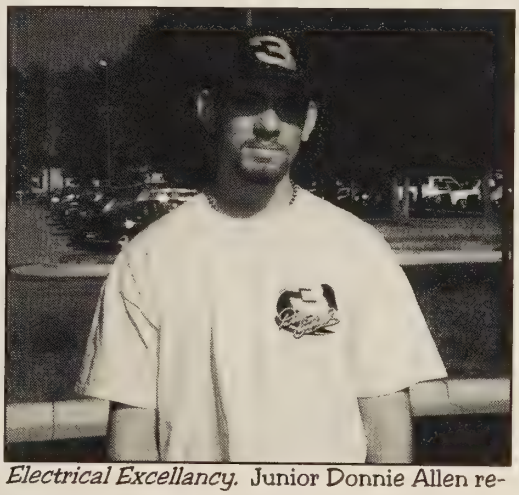
Put Your Hands Together For... Donnie Allen

By Ashley Matthews & Stephanie Primack

When graduation is near, many students begin to wonder what they will do after high school. Wouldn't it be great if the answer was already obvious? Well for junior Donnie Allen there are no questions; he will continue working as an electrician.

For a year and a half Donnie has worked diligently as an electrician while keeping up with his schoolwork. He enjoys it so much he wants to take it on as a profession. "I'm not positive on whether or not I will be successful but I really do plan to be," said Donnie.

Choosing this job was no trouble for Donnie because he enjoys doing something different from what everyone else does. "I like the challenge it gives me and it is not your usual high school job," said Donnie.



Electrical Excellancy. Junior Donnie Allen recalls the humor of his job. "It's funny to look back and think about the mistakes I made as a beginner," said Donnie.

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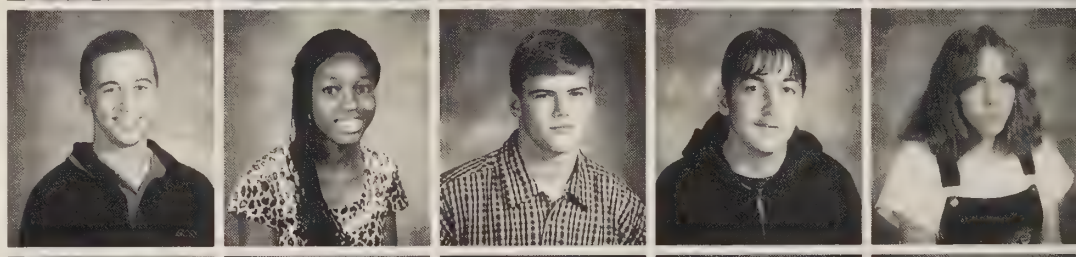

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Free-Time Frenzy

By Stephanie Primack and Ashley Matthews

As the final bell rings at the end of the day, students' minds wander about their after school plans. From cruising around Carytown to raging down rapids to groovin in the grass, there are no shortage of options, especially once spring hits.

The shops at Carytown provide a variety of ecclectic attire and a change of atmosphere from the clutter of malls. "Carytown is the only place you will find stuff that nobody else has and you never see familiar faces," said junior Brandi Taylor.

It may be a few extra minutes out of the way but the successful shopping extravaganza makes the trip well worth it.

A popular hangout for many Skyhawks is Pony Pasture, a portion of the James River, especially when the temperatures begin to rise. Along with the rising mercury comes a larger crowd, making the huge rocks seem like a miniature beach. Junior Miles Frampton said, "It's sweet, it's wet, and there's mad ladies!"

After sunset, many abandon the warm rocks of Pony Pasture to stand in the cool grass listening to different types of bands. Whether lying out on a rock, or lying under the stars listening to tunes, students manage to get much needed relaxation.

Stephanie Primack

Just like Mike. Sophomore Greg Carnes flies through the air after sailing off of the "jumping rock." "I like the thrill of not knowing exactly where I'll land," said Greg.

Angela Lovett

Rack 'em Up. Senior David Somariva plays a game of pool with friends at Twisters. "I get better and better every time I play," said David. "It just takes practice."

Ashley Matthews

Hangin' Tough. Junior Wes Ceifers scales a rock at Pony Pasture. "One cool thing about moving to Virginia this year was discovering Pony Pasture," said Wes.

Bands of Diversity

By Jason Clark

1...2...3...HIT IT! The past several years, bands have been a hot entertainment item at clubs and parties. Freshman Chris Jones said, "live bands make things a little more crazy at parties."

Parties can be somewhat of a jackpot for bands for obvious reasons, "money and publicity," according to sophomore Rachel Leyco of the band Backtrak.

Local clubs also support bands by having shows where three or four bands play a night and get paid. "Getting paid at the clubs all depends on how you perform, and how many people you push through the door," said senior Zach Woodson of Bankshot.

Although playing parties and shows are fun activities, being in a band requires long hours of practice and hard work. "When we get together to practice, it's usually for close to three hours at a time," said sophomore Patrick Rogers of Backtrak.

"When we practice, we'll sit down and talk about what we need to do to improve," said senior Kevin Reihl of the band Riff-Raff.

Keeping a band together is also a challenge. "The bigger the band, the harder it is to arrange practices, and the harder it is to keep everyone seeing eye to eye," said sophomore Jonathan Godwin, also a member of Bankshot.

Many bands form, stay together for a while, and because of personal differences, often break up. "The most important part of keeping a band together is discussing differences before they get out of hand," said sophomore Kip Talley.

So, when starting a band, be ready for trivial arguments, long hours of practice, and ringing ears.

Angela Lovett

Not a Chump. Senior Wes Espenschied fronts his band Chump Change at a gig at Twisters.

Meredith Cole

Bouncin' 'Round the Room. Senior Josh Cloudt provides a little extra entertainment as "Pogo Boy" during the band Riff-Raff 's set. Lead singer and junior Luke Stowell said, "We love it when 'Pogo Boy' comes to our shows. How many other bands do you know of that have a guy on a pogo stick jamming with the band?"

Bird-A-Palooza '99

*Bankshot

*MUTINY on the SHORTBUS

*Backtrak

*The Opposition

*Chump Change

*Riff-Raff

*R.E.A.L. Disciples

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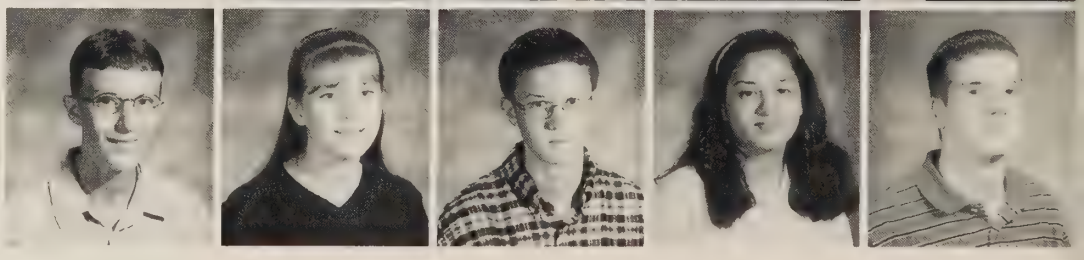


What was your best day at school this year?

"The day they played music over the intercom between classes. It put me in a better frame of mind."
CHRIS BROCK
--Junior

"When I received my National Latin Exam award; a 'Cum Laude'."
MIKE STOUGH
--Sophomore

"During homecoming week when I dressed in my 70's style clothes."
SAMANTHA HEWLETT
--Sophomore

"In Spanish class when we painted each others nails. It was crazy and something different."
HERMAN GUTIERREZ
--Junior

Put Your Hands Together For... Aimee Piacentini

By Heather Hile

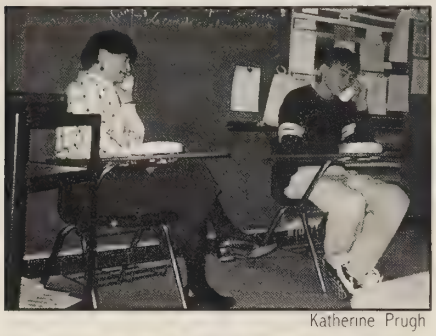
Aimee Piacentini is a junior involved in many clubs and organizations. Through SCA Aimee volunteers in "Horse Play," an organization which works with handicapped teenagers ranging from twelve to twenty years of age.

For two hours every Wednesday in the spring and fall, Aimee works at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds with these teens. She walks beside each person to offer a helping hand to secure them. Aimee is called a "sidewalker." She plans to volunteer doing this again her senior year. This experience has taught Amiee how to work with people of special needs, and she has found many good friends.

Heather Hile

A Helping Hand. Junior Aimee Piacentini volunteers in her free time to help others with special needs. "The best part of this volunteer work is watching each teenager having so much fun riding the horses," said Aimee.

¿ Esta Alguien en Casa? Senora Joosse pairs up with Jason Vicente for a friendly conversation. "She was talking so fast I coundn't keep up," said Jason.



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Teacher Wanna Be. Mr. Pollock and Aaron Knight work together to teach the class. "I'm his new shadow," said Knight.

Put Your Hands Together For...

Scott Preskitt

In addition to working as a PE teacher and behind-the-wheel instructor, Mr. Scott Preskitt took a lifelong hobby and turned it into a money-making venture.

For the past seven years, Mr. Preskitt has been selling his collection of sports memorabilia out of Courthouse Sports. Specializing in autographed items, he also helps fans locate hard-to-find items. The most expensive item he has ever sold was an autographed Michael Jordan jersey, which sold for $1800.

While the business, *Autographs Unlimited,* has continued to grow, he has no plans of leaving Bird because of it. Mr. Preskitt is foremost a full-time teacher, in his own words, "because I love kids."

Kris Hilsche

Mad Memorabilia. Mr. Scott Preskitt shows a sample from *AutographsUnlimited.* "Business is booming because so many 'legends' have retired recently," said Mr. Preskitt.

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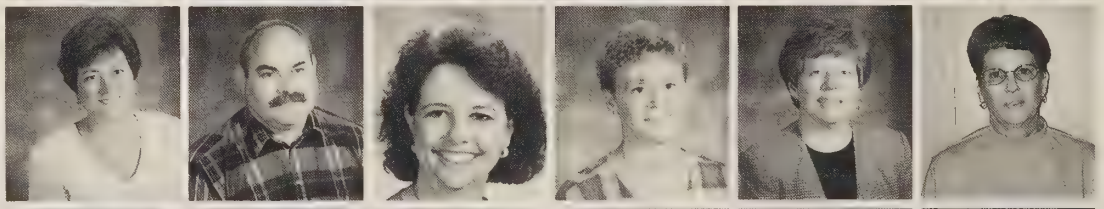
Keith Applewhite
Frances Atkinson
Elizabeth Bailey
Cary Bannon
Crystal Barker

Joanne Beck
Milo Beckner
Betty Billingsley
Denise Blankenbecler
Suzy Bolton
Lynn Booth



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Billie Brown
Regina Brown

Janet Carr
Randall Cave
Marcy Chartrand
Michelle Clark
Robert Click
Steven Cormier

Cathy Davenport
Nancy Deane
Diane Dockus
Roxanne Donaldson
Bernice Donley
Sandra Dupuy

Skyhawks: Then and Now

Angela Howsmon

Days Gone By. Jeff Ivey, Scott Tingen, Scott Journigan, Matt Bland, Keith Applewhite, and Stephanie Roper reminisce days past. "Many of the teachers I had are still here!" said Tingen.

Many members of the faculty and staff are fairly recents High School graduates themselves, and several of them attended Bird.

Mr. Keith Applewhite graduated in 1981. Mr. Matt Bland, who graduated in 1986, was followed by Mrs. Stephanie Roper in 1987 and Mr. Scott Tingen in 1988. Mr. Scott Journigan was a member of the class of 1990, and Mr. Jeff Ivey, the most recent graduate, earned his diploma in 1992.

While many things have changed since the early days of Bird, much has remained the same. "Bird offers a lot of choices for students and it is still a very involved school," said Roper.

It was no coincidence that these teachers came to work at Bird after graduation. The pride that they took in the school as students continues today.

Ouchie, Ouchie! Principal Joseph Tylus tries unsuccessfully to put on treasurer Kristin Sisson's ring during the junior class ring ceremony. "I had jammed my finger in field hockey and it was swollen," said Kristen. "He is still appologizing for it."

Sara Verret

Steve Earle
Susan Edwards
Elizabeth Evans
Robert Feind
Shannon Ferguson
Laura Fitzhugh

Camille Flick
Christine Flinn
John Foege
Shirley Friend
Deborah Fry
Sue Fulghum

Margaret Furgerson
Sheri Furlong
Rachel Garner
Sandra Garr
Brian Geiszler
James Giles

Jeanine Gilmore
Indra Glaser
Barbara Goode
James Green
Gale Griffith
Micky Grodski

Wonda Haltom
Carol Hamman
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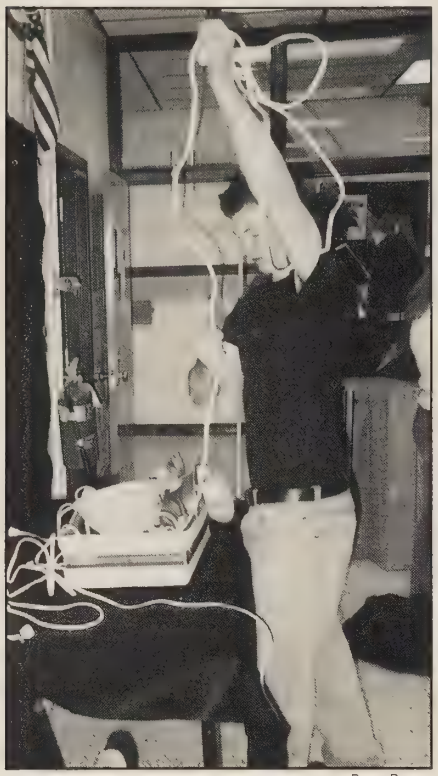
Mike Harris
Ellen Harvey
Teresa Hathaway

Picture Perfect. Sophomore Tony Martin sets up lights for a photo project. "Good lighting makes for a good picture and a good grade," he said.



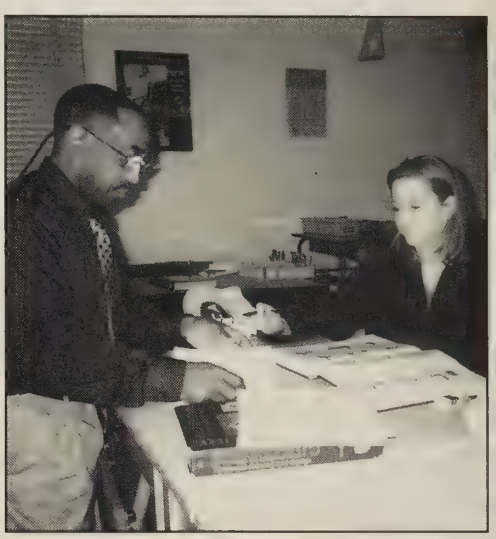
Dara Boggs

Put Your Hands Together For...
...Jerry McLaughlin

"And the winner is..." When teenagers hear this statement in speeches over the course of the year, they get a funny feeling in their stomach waiting for their name to be announced, but do teachers get that feeling?

Teachers can receive honorable awards also, awards such as Teacher of the Year. After intense nominating, voting, and decision making, it was narrowed down to three finalists. The winner was Mr. Jerry McLaughlin who says that he "enjoys working with the students and watching them learn things that they did not know coming in."

Mr. "Mac," as all of his students call him, is "always interested in not only the work we're doing, but he always wants to hear about our baseball games," says sophomore Justin Burnham. Hats off to Mr. Mac!



Big Mac Attack. Mr. McLaughlin helps Megan Murphy during class. "He is always there to help us after class or school with anything that we don't understand," said Brad Berry.

Susan Hawkes
Barbara Headley
Margaret Hicks
William Hockmuth
Kristen Holland
Angela Howsmon

Jeff Ivey
Cindi Jackson
Michael Johnson
Beth Johnson
Debbie Jones
Martha Joosse

Scott Journigan
Robin Kalman
David Kielbowick
Patricia Kitson
Susan Kusterbeck
Jeff Langford

Sandra Lee
Robin Malone
Lee McCullough
Judith McFarlane
Jerry McLaughlin
Lawrence Mines

John Mingus
Linette Molina
Lee Moore
Wayne Motley
Emily Munro
Donna Mynes

Savvy Stocks

By Elise Boyd

Submitted by Billie Brown

Barney and the Teletubbies. Jason Fracisco, Jasmine Lewis, Ms. Brown, Calandra Taylor, and Jason Martin represented Bird in the VCU stock market game. "I was really proud," said Ms. Brown.

What do Barney and the Telebubbies have in common with the Dow Jones? In the spring stock market game, they co-existed.

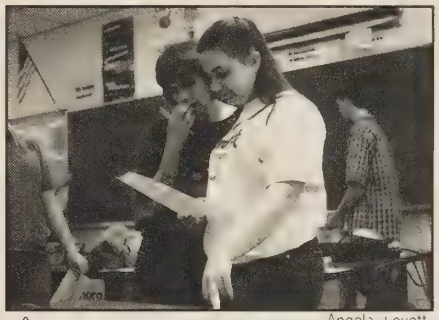
Students in business classes participated in the National Council on Economic Education's (NCEE) VCU stock market game. They were given $100,000 to buy a number of shares of four stocks. "There were ten weeks to use or lose their money," said Ms. Brown, team sponsor. By buying the best money-makers, AOL and Walmart, the team made almost $60,000 and was awarded third place in the state.

The game was played by using the daily paper's report of the ending stock prices. Each team would meet and discuss whether to sell or keep their stocks. "We had raffles too," said team captain Calandra Taylor. "I was the first name drawn and I got free tickets to the Braves game."

The game proved to be a positive experience for all and winning only made it sweeter.

Helping Hand. Ms. O'Kleasky shows Shannon Conway the proper method. "I learn a lot from my students," said O'Kleasky.

Ashley Matthews



Angela Lovett

Ayudame. Jamie Snyder gets instruction from Senora Neale. "She's always willing to help you if you don't understand," said Jamie.

Catherine Neale
Cammie Nicely
Alger Nichols
Raymond Norton
Marie O'Kleasky
Pauline Oliver

Elizabeth Orn
Jill Orndorff
Jeanette Ortiz
Ronald Paquette
Kimberly Paquette
Pennie Paquette

Shirley Patterson
Carolyn Paulette
Beverley Pearce
Kathlene Pendleton
David Pollock
Norwood Powell

Scott Preskitt
Barbara Priebe
Adele Pritchett
James Pulling
Debbie Purks
Sherrie Rabie

Paul Rafferty
Robert Reed
Joan Ridout
Adrienne Rogers
Stephanie Roper
Sandra Rublee

The Beginning of the End

By Jason Clark

Relaxation - work x fun = retirement. With each passing school year faculty members come and go; this year we said goodbye to several.

Eight members of the Bird family retired at the conclusion of the year. Susan Kusterbeck, Barbara Goode, Sue Fulghum, Susan Edwards, Marcia Slosser, Nancy Deane, Carolyn Paulette, and Shelby Thompson all finished with aplomb. These women have influenced many students and parents, but teaching has also influenced them a great deal. "It has reinforced the idea that we are lifetime learners and that teachable moments are very precious events!" said Ms. Goode, a P.E. teacher of 31 years. Ms. Kusterbeck, a 23 year math veteran stated that teaching has helped her appreciate individual strengths and weaknesses, and that it has opened her mind to the differences in people.

> "It is my life!"

Ms. Marcia Slosser, at Bird for 16 years, summed up teaching this way: "It is my life!"

After 36 years

To the students and parents who have made these years of teaching a beautiful journey:
The last year of teaching, and I am feeling both joy and regret--joy that I will be beginning something new, regret that I am leaving the classroom full of bright, wriggling bodies and minds that have touched my heart. I appreciate the support that you have given me and have felt a sacred trust in sharing with these students my learning. Images of skits, presentations, and even stories and compositions from the past still color my days--all the poetry and the vivid experiences that you have shared with me as your teacher. Like Robert Frost who said he had a love affair with poetry, I feel that I have had a love affair with teaching.
With much love,
Carolyn Paulette

Jerry Russell
Linda Sadler
Kimberly Schlussel
Nancy Schneider
Peggy Scholtes
Charlotte Scimone

Robert Seaton Jr.
Rachel Servia
Earl Shaffer
Caroline Sharpe
Robert Shearl
Maryjane Shurlds

Albert Shurlds Jr.
Stuart Sink
Garland Slaughter
Gerald Slosser
Marcia Slosser
Scott Spencer

Kelly Tait
Mary Katherine Talley
Stephanie Taylor
Pat Temples
Charles Tester
Deborah Thompson

Shelby Thompson
Scott Tingen
Elizabeth Toothman
Ruth Tutton
Joseph Tylus
Judith Tyson

Put Your Hands Together For...

Keri Wormald

Elise Boyd

*And the Phoebe goes to...*Ms. Keri Wormald. "I plan on producing for a long time," she said, "but don't quote me."

Ms. Keri Wormald not only works at school teaching students how to act, she also owns her own entertainment company called Shadowcast Theatre Works.

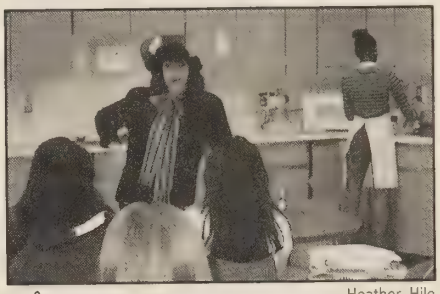
Wormald started the company when she taught at a performing arts school in Newport News. The company put on a Weekly Comic Revue in Richmond that Ms. Wormald produced, directed, and helped write. Wormald even earned a spot on the cover of Style Magazine for the shows.

Recently, she has been directing and producing shows in Richmond. *Heathen Valley*, directed by Ms. Wormald and starring Steve Earle, won several Phoebe awards in the Spring of 1998. "We call it the dead dog award because the man who started it named it after his dog that died."

Wormald says that she couldn't teach school with out having her business and vice versa. "But I enjoy watching the finished product at school because I actually teach the acting. It's a great feeling."

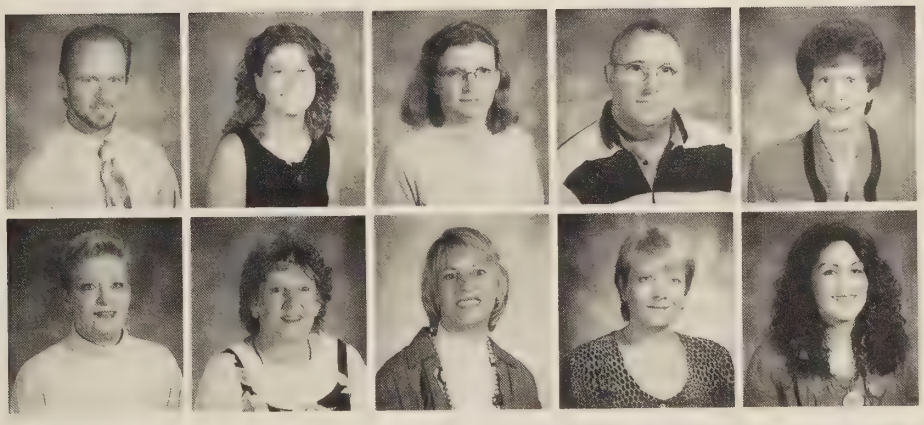
Take Me Out to the Ballgame. Coach Randy Cave welcomes CCPS superintendant Dr. Bill Bosher to Bird prior to the season opener. "It was wonderful to see Dr. Bosher supporting Bird atheletics," said Mr. Cave.

Heather Hile



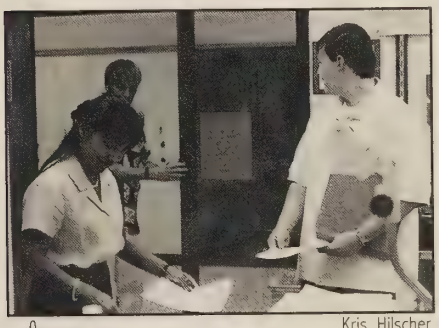
Heather Hile

Cat in the Hat. Parenting teacher Donna Lythgoe celebrates the 95th anniversary of Dr. Suess's first book. "Since it was Dr. Suess day we made green eggs and ham," said junior Tara Turner.



Thomas Voltz Jr.
Wendy Walden
Margaret Ward
James Watters
Martha Wiedeman

Helen Winn
Virginia Wisneski
Peggy Wood
Keri Wormald
Jaunita Wyatt



Kris Hilscher

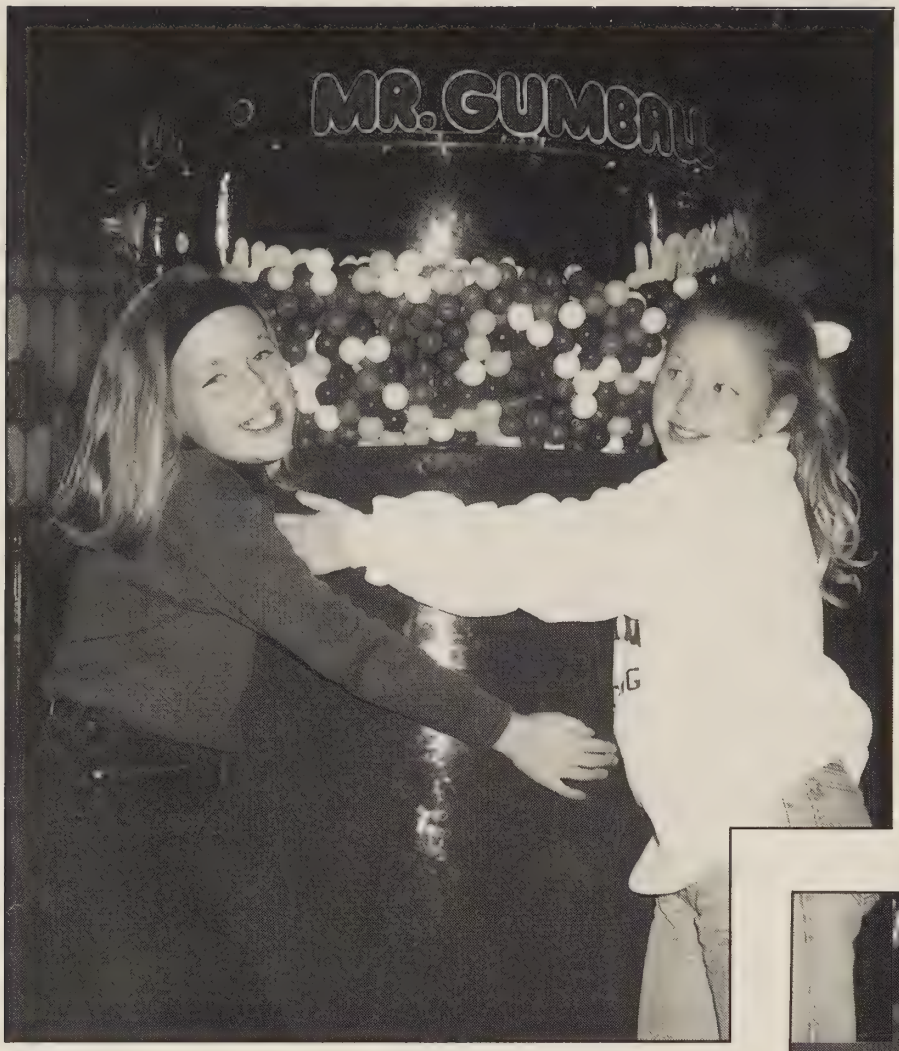
It Really Pays Off. Chemistry teacher Ms. Glaser helps Erik Rakes with some make up work. "The best thing about teaching is when a student's lightbulb goes off, " she said. "Seeing even one student understand how a concept is applied to the real world is very fulfilling."

Jason Clark

C.H.i.P.'s Officer Applewhite patrols the hallways of Bird. "I'm lazy and I like to ride bikes. I get the best of both worlds on my electric bike." said Applewhite.

Katherine Prugh

Easily Explained. Mrs. Holland takes time aside to help junior Jennifer Fuller with some chemistry. "It's always so much easier to understand after she points out every detail," said Fuller.



☜ *Mr. Gumball.* Sophomores Terri Kilgo and Kelly Brinson keep a tight bond. "I think hugging the gumball machine helped us stick together," said Terri. ☞ *Bean Bag Memories.* Senior Kathy Hume breaks from the bean bag routine. "Elementary school left me with memories of when school was fun," said Kathy.

Friends and family watch as their once newborn babies learn how to walk and talk. As elementary kids grasp the basic skills to be used all through their childhoods, middle school kids finally learn what it is like to be a teenager. In high school, the now young adults mature into who they will be for the rest of their lives. Being able to 'forever hold this memory' enables them to keep their childhoods close at hand forever.

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Forever

Hold

This

Memory

Pictured from top left: Kristin Scott, Terri Kilgo • Natalie Rosvall, Heather Taylor, Emily Rosvall • Brooke Fife, Tiffany Garrison, Angela Thomas • Riley Irving, Kyle Griffith, Chris Sweat, Eric Eichenlaub • Ashley Jones • Mr. Powell, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Hicks • Ashley Jones, Sabrina Gregory • Tina Miller • Lauressa Champaco • Dustin Miller, Natalie Hancock, Cassie Hines, Neil Taylor, Dean Weeks, Mr. Earle, Rachel Westra, Brandon Yandle, Eric Oliver, Matt Poole • Kelly Brinson, Terri Kilgo, Johnna Elms, Paige Haston, Stephanie Breen • Moona Em, John Gardner, Tiffany Garrison • Louis Pleasant • Amber Godfrey, Deandre West, Shermaine Stokes, Tia Simmons, Latrese Oliver, Tiffany Waller, Ashley, Carey, BJ Judkins, Lashi Carrol-Jones, Tinisha Allen, Ebonie Jones • Ms. Rowland's 2nd Grade Class • Becca Jacobs, Meredith Cole, Lindsay Goyne, Katherine Prugh • Jacob Jones.

Sara A. Little

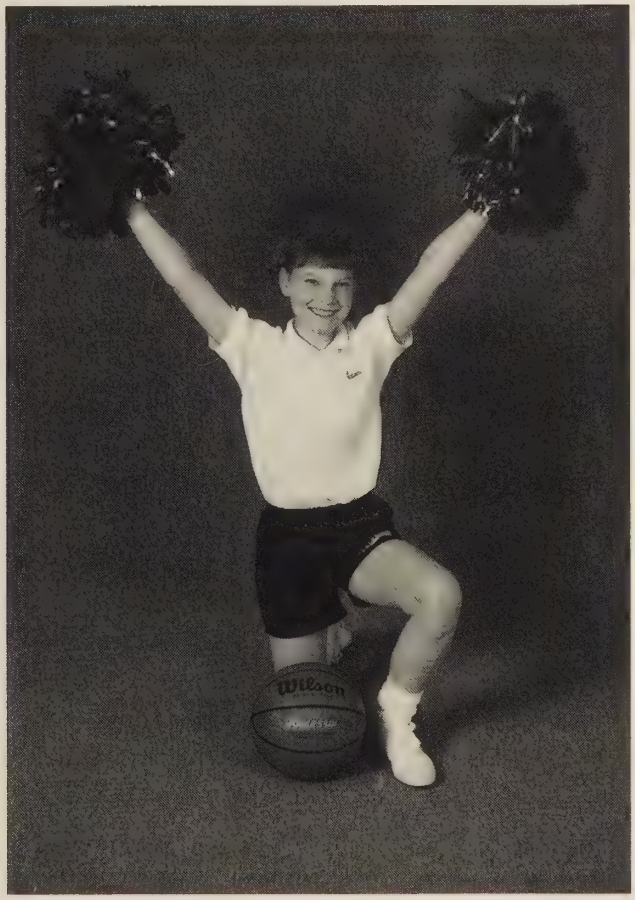
Sara Lee,
You are a beautiful person from the inside out. Thank you for all the smiles and laughter you have brought into our lives.
Love you,
Dad, Mom and Jess

Frances Michelle Taylor

You will always be our little girl. You gave 110 percent even when you thought you couldn't. If you want something, reach for it no matter how high. Good luck at college.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Erin Yolande Sutton

To My Sweet Louie: You are and always have been the light of my life. From this sweet and pudgy baby you have turned into a caring, beautiful person. I wish you happiness forever.
Love you always,
Mom



Amy Daniel

To our Loving Daughter,
We're so proud of you. Today, tomorrow, and always.
Mom and Daddy Brooks

Gretel Poulsen

May you bring as much joy to your future family and the world as you have to us. Thanks for making life so warm and fuzzy. Love you!
Dad, Mom, Paul, Becky, Chad, Michelle, Tiffani, Britni, Kylee, Katelyn, Christopher

Lindsay Ryan Nester

Dear Lindsay,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you! May God bless you and guide you as you continue your education.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Samuel Spaulding

Sam,
We're very proud of you and of all that you have accomplished. We'll miss our best jeopardy player and scorekeeper. Congratulations!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Matt, Ted & Daniel

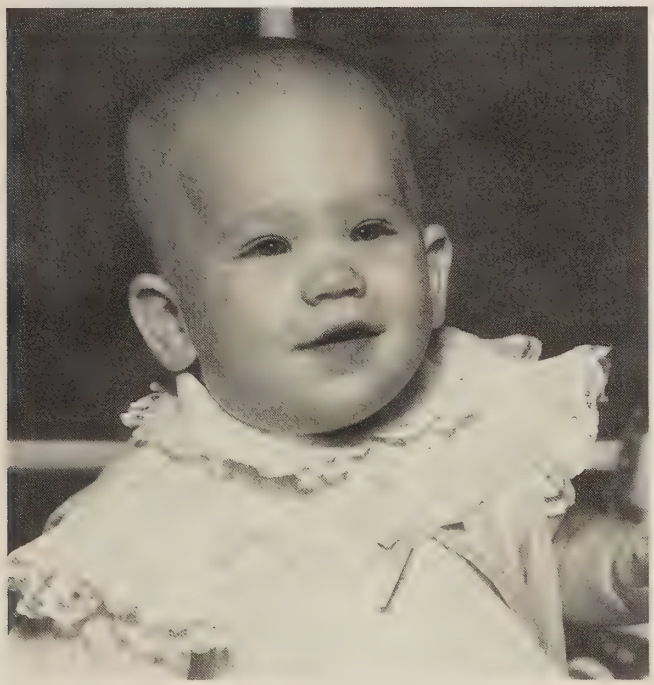
Brian Ross

Number four on the court, but number one in our hearts. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished and of whom you have become.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Chris Wray

Chris,
You mean the world to us and we are so proud of you. Your future holds many great things...Follow your heart and you will go far. Our love will be with you forever. Always remember to "be patient" and "keep your eye on the ball."
Love,
Mom, Dad and Shawn

Margaret (Kat) Hanvey



"Congratulations Kat"
On the day you were born we knew that you would be very special. And over the last 18 years you've never proven us wrong. We are so proud of the child you were and of the woman you've become. Your future is bright and we know you will be successful at whatever you choose to do. We love you so very much and wish you every happiness in life. You'll always be our little girl and no matter what we'll always be here for you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

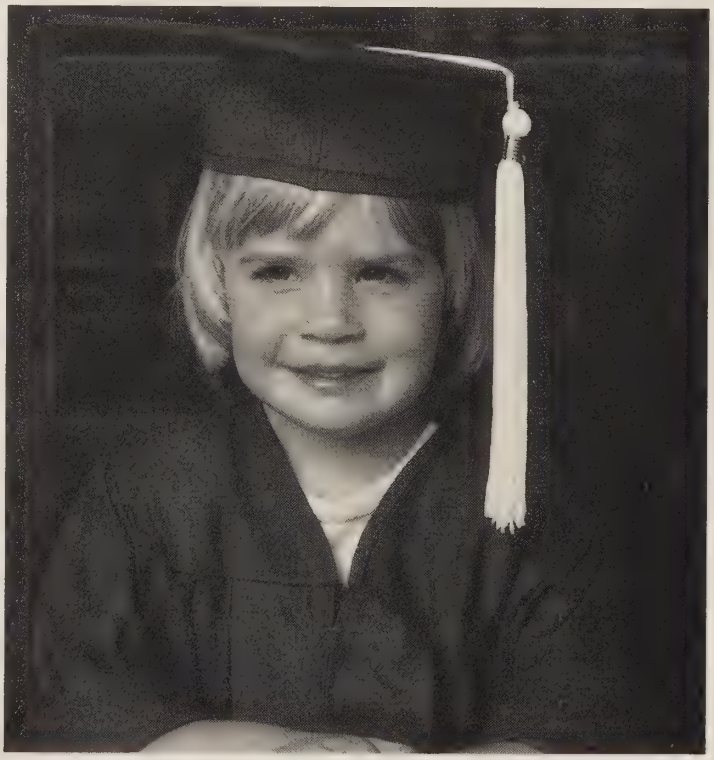
Timothy "Paul" Harris

As your childhood ends
And a new life begins
Our greatest wish for you
Is that you'll always be happy
And know how much we love you!!
Love,
Mom and Fred

Moona Em

"It's easy to remember days made nicer by your caring ways--they mean much more than you can ever know." Congrats, and let us express pride, happiness and love that will always grow.
Mom, Dad, Power

Lindsey Halbert



Lindsey,
You've lived up to all our dreams. Now go make your own dreams come true.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Steph

Shannon Elizabeth Kluttz

Attitude, Talent and Ambition, you have all of the ingredients to be a success at anything you choose.
We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Stacey and
Jamie

Joseph David Martin

Joey,
You are number 1(one)!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Matt

Gordon GK Chisholm

To the World's "Bestest" Son. I have given you roots and you are doing an outstanding job flying! I know you will be successful in whatever you choose.
Lots of Love,
Mom

Annie Gill

We are so proud of you and all you do with so much enthusiasm, determination and self discipline. You are a beautiful person. The world is yours! We love you!
Mom, Dad, Christopher and Meg

Stephen Webb

Good luck to a very special young man. May all your dreams come true. It is with our deepest love and pride that we congratulate you!!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeff and Jennifer

Samantha Michelle Collier

You came on a warm June day
head full of hair and ready to play.

A doctor I'll be you said at age four
We pray you reach your destiny's door.

Dogs and cats and a guinea pig too
You care for and loved them in our little zoo.

No matter the pressures of day to day strife
You gave us such happiness to fill up our life.

Never a dull moment with you in the house
How can we forget when you dressed like a mouse.

Algebra, Latin, Spanish and Track
You always went forward and never looked back.

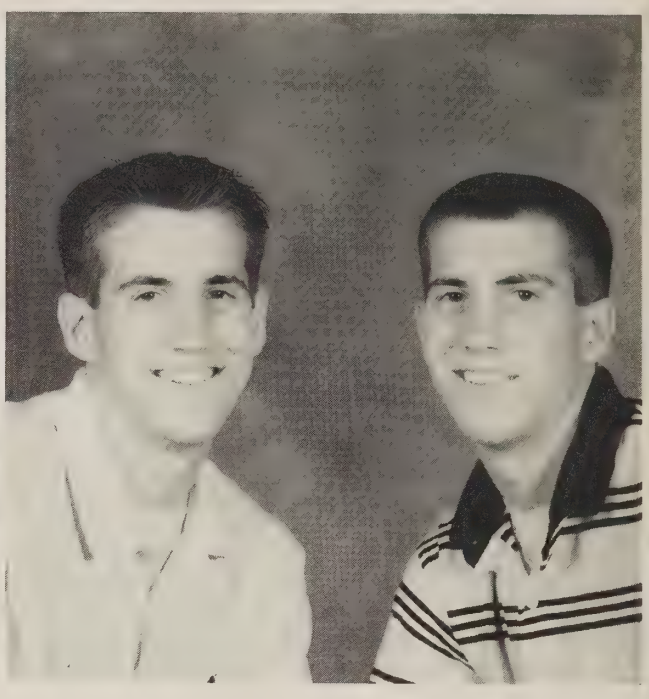
What more can be said about a child so great
You called home each time you thought you'd be late.

We write these words before you depart
Our Love for you has filled up our hearts.

And one more thing about our "SAM"
She's never liked green eggs and ham!

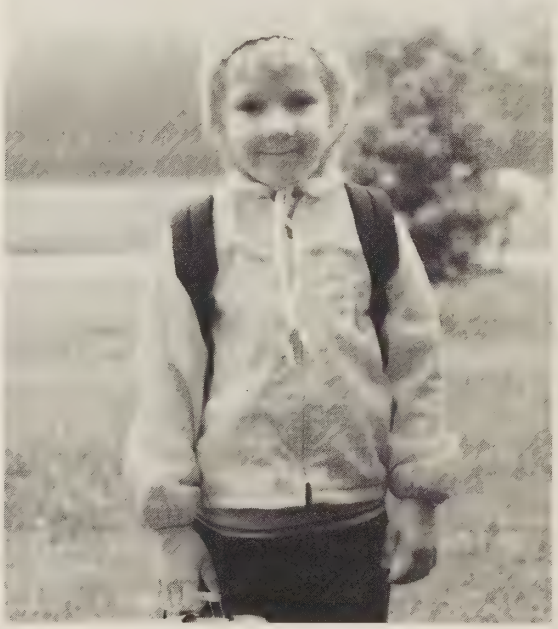
We Love you,
Mom and Dad

Jason and Jeremy Wilkinson



Congratulations, we are proud of both of you! We thank God for you and our family. Trust in the Lord in all that you do and He will direct your path. Ask for His wisdom and guidance each day. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Jennifer, Thomas and Grandma

William Norfleet



Never lose that wonderful enthusiasm for learning that you have had since your first day of school.
We love you
Mom, Mike and Sarah

Sarah Rebel

Sarah,
The years have gone by quickly. We have been blessed to have you as our daughter. We couldn't begin to tell you how much you mean to us. We love you and we are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Brian

Meagan Stephenson

It seems as though it were yesterday you were this cute, smiling child. Now you are a beautiful young lady that we are so proud of. We love you and will always be there for you. Best of luck with your future.

Kathy Hume

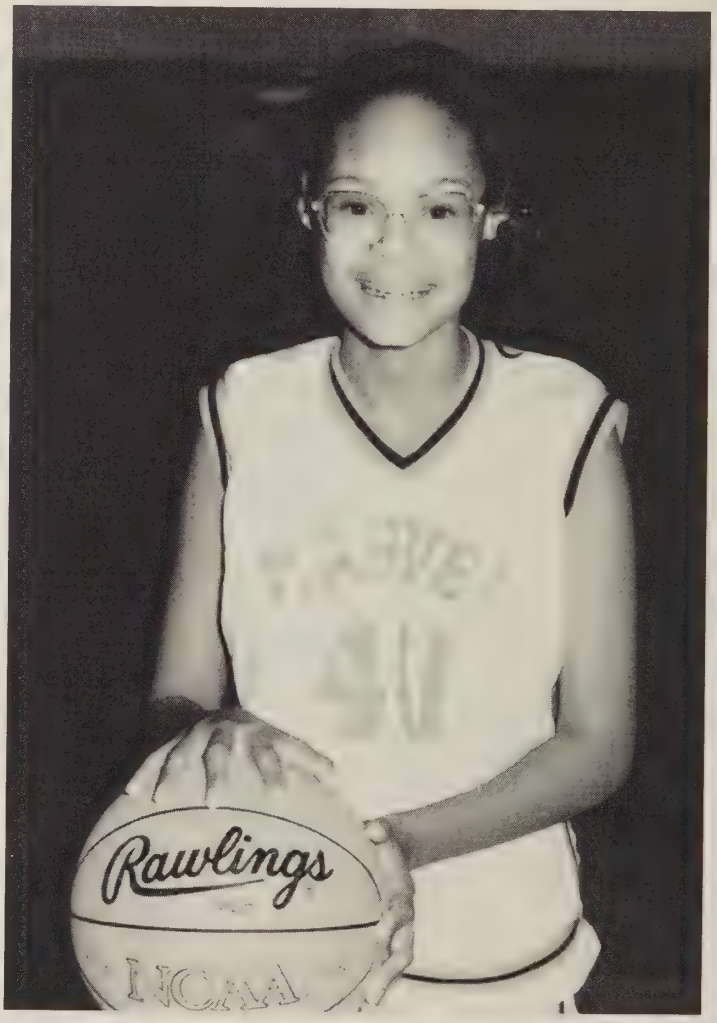
How quickly time has gone by! Congratulations and know that our love and prayers will always be with you. Look out world - here she comes! Lots of love,
Mom, Dad, Suzy, Granny, Papa & Gimma

John Aubrey Gardner

John,
We are so proud to call you son and brother; you've brought us joy without end.
And now as the years go by we'll cherish you as our friend.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Laura

Carsena Martina Winfield

Growing up with Grandmama. Congratulations - You made it! The best is yet come in your life and career.
Grandmama



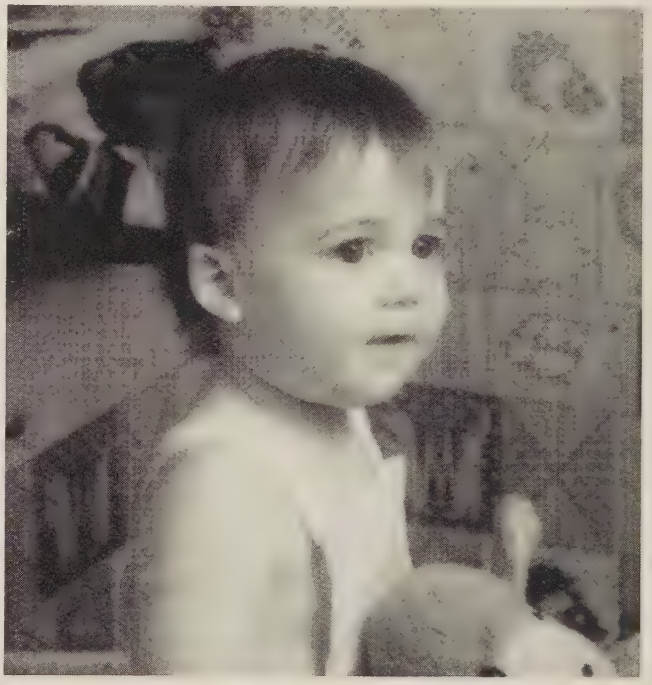
Carsena Martina Winfield

Proud to be your mother. I love you. Great career move.
Mom

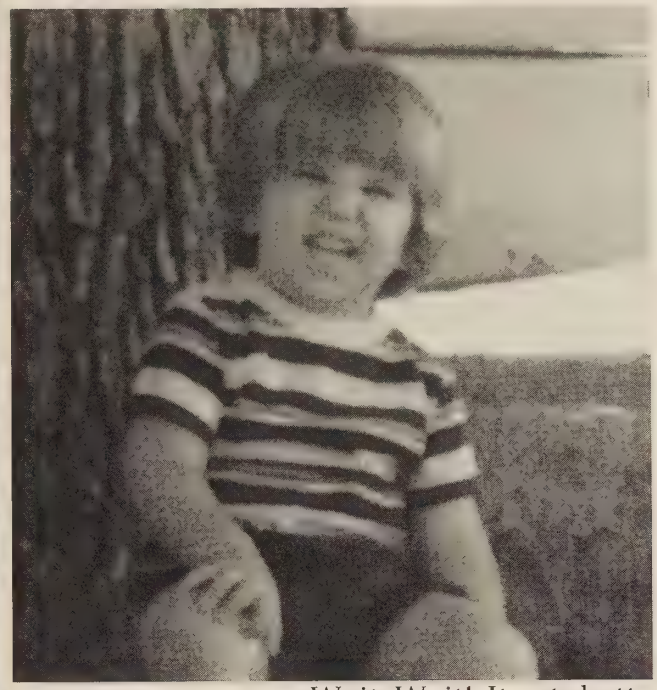
Carrie Parnell

To My "Carebear"
Thank you for being everything a mother could ever hope for. Did you ever know that you're my hero?
I Love You,
Momma

Jessica Wilson



We're very proud of you. You have grown into a very beautiful and giving young lady. Your dad and I wish you all the happiness and luck in whatever you want and for the rest of your life.
We love you very much!
Mom and Dad



William "Matthew" Lloyd

Wait, Wait! It gets better...So then the duck says...
From smurfs to "Tonka" trucks, baseball, football, dirt bikes, racecars, cross country, track and school, it has been a ball! We would gladly do it all over again. May God be with you always.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Patrick

LaShonda M. Brown

Congratulations LaShonda!
We are beaming with joy for you; we are very proud and honored to have a daughter with such integrity and strength. Remember to continue to be obedient to God's Word. We are always here for you.
Love,
Mom & Buck

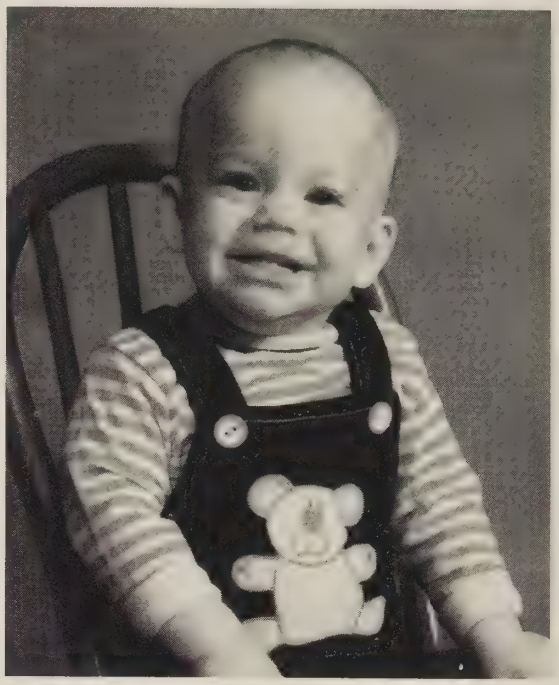
Brandi Michelle Henry

Brandi, we are so proud of you and love you! Remember the Little Engine That Could and you will succeed at anything you do!
Love,
Dad, Mom and Matt

Shane Osterbind

Congratulations, Shane. I've watched you grow. We've seen and know you are a winner, independent, meeting goals, very responsible, you're the best of the best. May God be with you.
Love,
Daddy, Sue, Sara, Mary and Kim

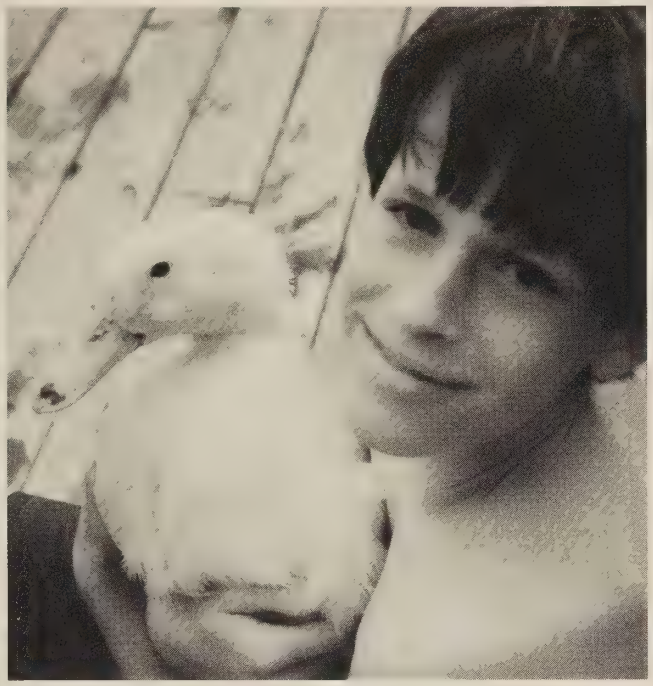
Jason Clark

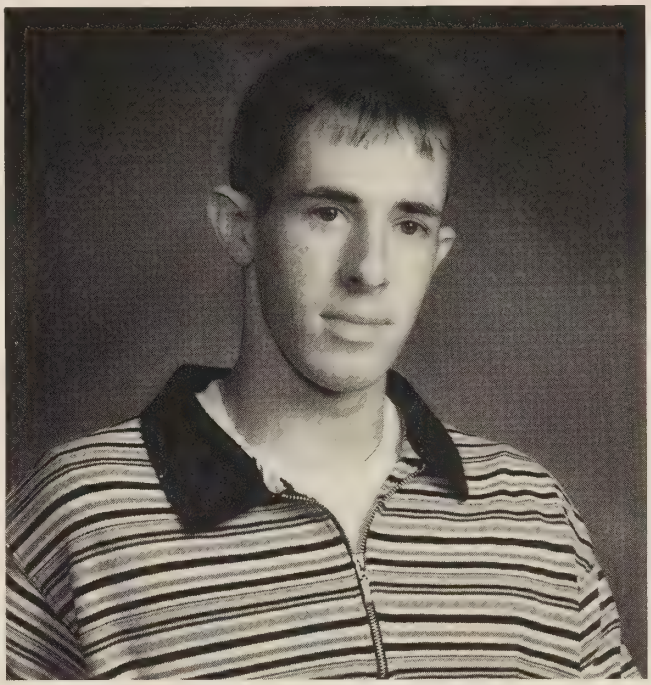


Jason, Congratulations
We're very proud of you and all your accomplishments.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lauren & Amy

Trey Nichols

Trey,
You have and always will make me the proudest Mom ever. Good luck in everything you do in life.
Love,
Mom





John Carrington, Jr.

You filled our life with joy and laughter, reach for the stars and they will be yours. We love you and are so proud of you.
Mom, Dad, Sherry and Debbie

Christina Ann Lucas

Congratulations Christina!
The day you were born we knew you were our gift. Your quick and impatient arrival into this world was our first clue that your future would be exciting. Your smile and laugh warm our hearts each day along with the twinkle in your eyes. No matter what the challenge you amaze us each day with your accomplishments. Set your goals and follow your dreams for the world is at your fingertips. We are so very proud of the beautiful young lady you have become.
Much Love,
Mom, Dad, Janine & Jennifer

Matt Wagner

From the top of Mt. Rogers to the bottom of Looe Key, we know you will always be the best you can be. Continue to venture forward and accept life's challenges like you have on the trail. Trust in God, keep your values, and make your your dreams a reality.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Susan and Heidi

Ashley McLaurin

Congratulations, in your success in high school. Good luck to you in the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Lindsay

Elisabeth Sowder

Lizzy,
You were our miracle baby and will always be our "sweet girl." Be strong, never give up, and you will achieve all of your dreams!
Love,
Dad, Mom & Kip- Kip

Jason B. Myers

Jason,
Our little boy is now a young man. You are now on your way to a wonderful life of many challenges. You have made Mom and Dad very proud of all your past and present achievements. We wish you the best in your future and love you very much.
Mom and Dad

Shannon K. Conway

Shannon,
There are no words to accurately express how much we love you, and how proud we are of you. You possess a sharp mind, and a big heart...that combination can't lose!
All our love,
Mom, Dad and Bethany

Steven Herrin

Congratulations Steven!
We wish you the best that life has to offer and know you will be successful in all that you do.
Love,
Momma, Dad, Johnny and Chris

Tiffany Jensen

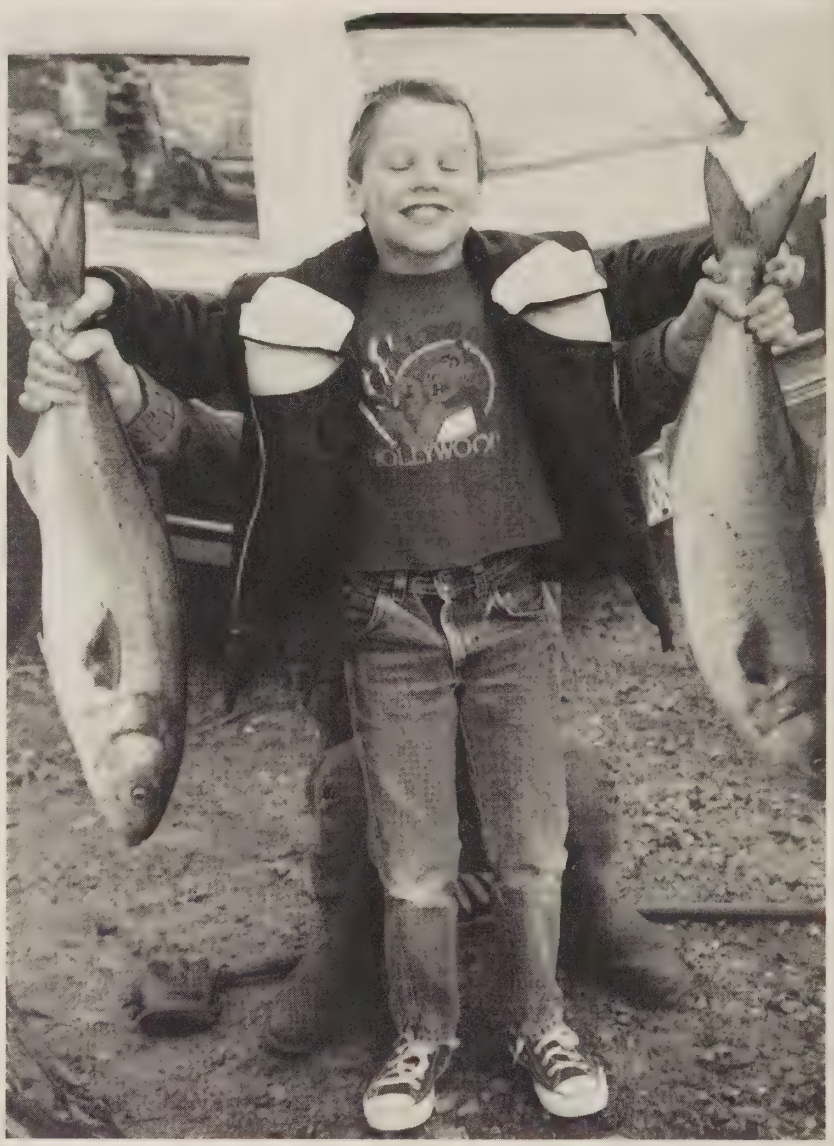
From curls to college! You have filled our days with laughter, sunshine and love. The future is yours. Always remember who you are!
Congratulations!
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Lisa, Amber, Kirsten and Garrett

Matt Grinter

An Irish message for Matthew
(born on St. Patrick's Day)
May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be at your back.
We love you,
Dad and Mom

Dean Weeks

We are so proud of you and your being accepted in the Marine Marching Band. Lots of love to you Babe.
Mom, Rachel, Randy, Austin, Donna and Cody



Tonya Miles

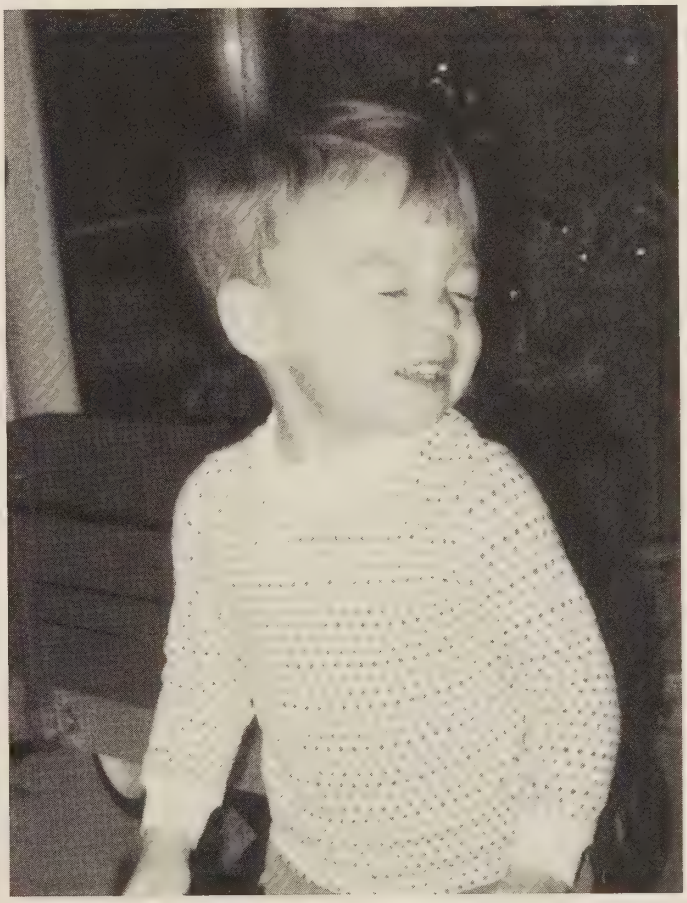
From the day you were born, we've been blessed with a wonderful daughter. You have filled our lives with happiness, love, and laughter. We are so proud of you, and pray that God will always guide you. Keep smiling. The best is yet to come!

Monique C. McBride

Monique,
In the years to come, always remember how proud we are of you and how much we love you. May God be with you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Joshua Barrowcliff

Congratulations Josh!
We're so proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Dad



Betsy Mitchell

"All our dreams can come true-if we have the courage to pursue them."-- Walt Disney.
Congratulations, Betsy! We wish you as much happiness as you have brought to us!
We love you!
Mom and Dad

Shelly Lichvar

Shelly,
Congratulations on this milestone in your life. Remember to always believe in your dreams and follow your heart. May your guiding light be strong.
Love your proud family,
Dad, Mom, Tina and Drew

Kristin M. Clemens

Kristin,
I could never put into words the happiness and pride you have given me over the years. You are an incredible young woman, beautiful both inside and out! I'm so proud to be your mother and your friend.
I love you with all my heart, Mama
P.S. Hugs and kisses from Daddy, Kirsten and Kaitlin

James B. Jones III

It seems like you just started school. Congratulations! We love you!
Mom & Dad

Chris Graham

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you did not do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

We are so proud of you and love you very much!

Mom and Dad

Lindsey Callery

Congratulations, Lindsey!
We are very proud of you. With your determination and enthusiasm you will be successful in all your endeavors. We love you!
Mom and Dad

Samantha Pierce

Samantha,
From a shy two year old to a confident young lady. We love you and are proud of your accomplishments.
Mom, Dad and Jessica

Tara Brooke Hoyle

Tara,
We still see this look on your face today. Always express your opinion and stand up for what you believe. We will always be proud of you. Your beautiful smile and big heart bring us so much joy and love.
Love you always,
Daddy, Mumma and Shannon

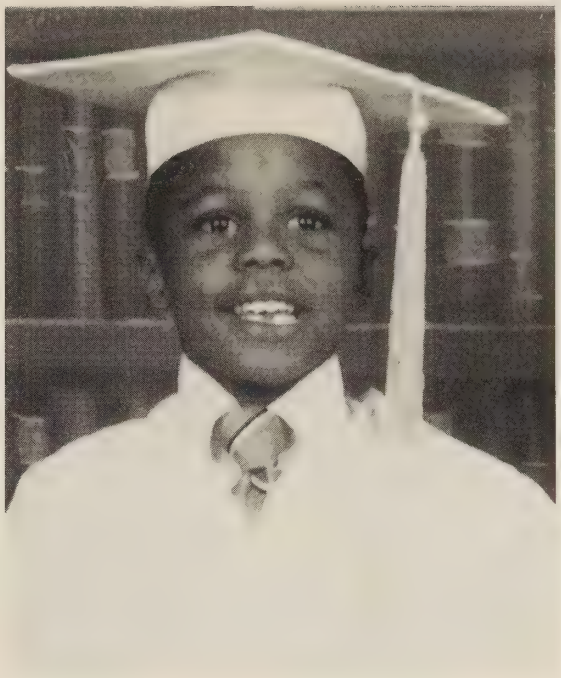
Christina Poythress

You mean so much to us. You've grown into the intelligent beautiful young woman we dreamed you'd be when you were born. It is hard to let your baby grow up.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Van Smith

Congratulations Van!
We are so proud of who you are and what you stand for. Continue to let the Lord direct your path.
Love,
Dad, Mom, David, Micheal, Jacob and Abigail

Jermaine A. Judson



Jermaine,
You've been a star in school from first through twelfth grade. We are proud of you, and wish you continued sucess as you enter college and the adult world.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jason Wood

Jason,
We love you and are so proud of you! Your life is just beginning and we hope it will be everything you have ever dreamed it to be. Best of luck to a great son!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Nicole, Brian, Grampa and Nanny

Dale Glass

Congratulations Dale,
I know you will succeed in whatever you set your mind to. I'm very proud of you.
Love,
Mom

Steven R. Knight

We are extraordinarily proud of you. You are for us a source of great joy. God bless and guide you as you pursue your aspirations and dreams. Know we are always here for you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jasmine C. Lewis

Jasmine,
Congratulations!!! We are proud of you and love you so very much. Keep up the good work! We wish you success and happiness in the future as you further your education. Have faith. All things are possible with God in your life!!!

Love,
Your family

Kimberly F. Earles

You have just begun to live your life. Best wishes in all you do. We love you and will always be there for you.

Love,
Mom, Buddy and Tim

Tonya Miles and Dustin Stell

Dustin,
You mean the world to me and I treasure everything that we share. You are my best friend and my soul mate. My heart lies in your hands. I love you.
Tonya

Tonya,
You are the sunshine in my life. I can always look to you when I have a bad day and all of the sudden my bad day is through. Smile, somebody loves you and I always will.
I love you,
Dustin

Christopher Smith

Congratulations Christopher! We are very proud of you. We wish you good health, happiness and success in your future!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Elizabeth and Sarah

Paul Woosley

It's hard to believe you're graduating! We hope your future is always full of smiles, joys, successes, and the love of God. We are praying for you!
Dad, Mom, Andy and Sharon

Meredith Ness

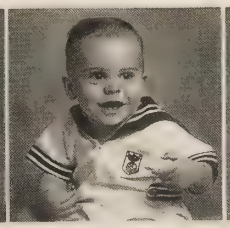
Meredith---soft, feminine, sensitive, yet strong, diligent, persevering. You have grown into a delightful young woman, devoted daughter and supportive sister. So much potential fulfilled, so much more to come. We rejoice with you.
Your loving parents and brother

Steven Boyd

You have come a long way. Keep up the good work.Good luck!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Julianne McLean

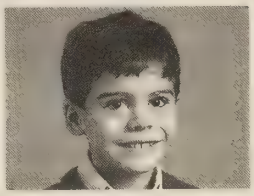
Julianne,
You have always been a joy to us. We thank God for you and trust in Him to guide you throughout the rest of your life. You will always be our "Walkin, Talkin, Live Baby Doll." Our love to you always!
Mom, Dad and Frank

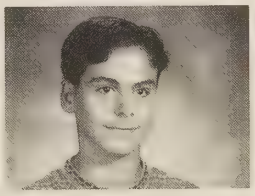


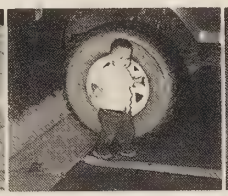
Brian J. Roberts

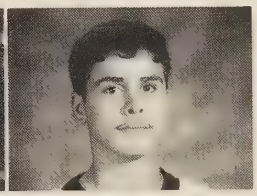
"Where are you going my little one, little one..."

My precious baby, how you have grown. I am so proud of you ! You are an intelligent, loving young man and I pray that you will have much love and peace in your life. God bless you and keep you.
Love,
Mom









Jeff Earley

Seems like only yesterday you were just a little boy. Now you're a fine young man ready to make your place in the world. Go after your dreams Jeff, and make them happen. We wish you the best life has to offer.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Renee Osterbind

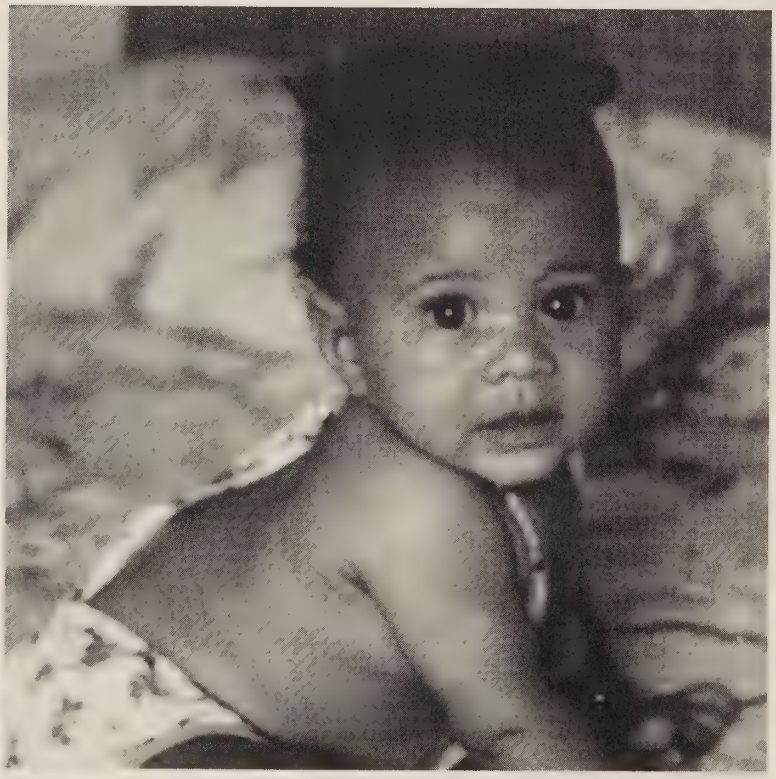
We love you very much and are so proud of the young lady you've become. May you continue to use the gifts and talents God has given you to be the blessing that you are to others.
Dad, Mom and Brandon

Charis Nicole Tucker

To our "Little Princess", who has brought so much joy and happiness to our lives. There are so many special memories that we will cherish of you growing up; just to name a few, the roll into second base, the bank shot, but most of all will be your academic achievements. You are a wonderful daughter and big sister. Keep your faith in God, and your precious smiles. You will always have a place in our hearts.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Courtney

Khilia Tyese Graves



Khilia Tyese Graves

Now is the time for you to celebrate the accomplishment of dreams you have worked so hard to achieve.

The time has also come to pursue the next path, to reach for the next star, and to achieve the things that are so important to you. Always keep your dreams alive. And keep them coming true. Never stop dreaming. Best wishes on your graduation and in all the years ahead.

Love,
Mom, Ellis, Devoralyn and Krystal

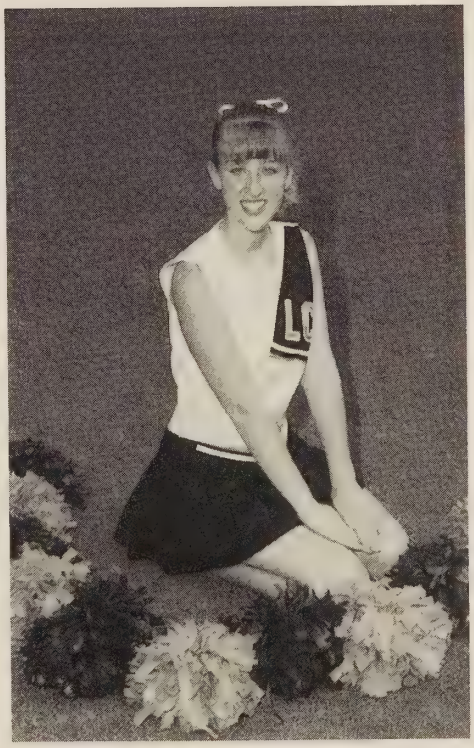
Timothy Marsh

Congratulations!! We're so proud of you!!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Andy and Jonathan

Tracey Finley

To our blonde, blue eyed angel, whose halo is always slightly crooked. You are our sunshine and a special blessing from the Lord. As you move forward in life may you have love, happiness, health and fun and may your halo always stay slightly crooked . We love you and are proud of you.
Mom and Dad

Nicole Diane Owen



Congratulations Nicole! We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. May all your goals and dreams come true. Keep God in your life.
We love you!
Mom & Step Pa-Pa

Megan E. Haynie

Congratulations Megan
Take time to smell the flowers - just remember not to eat them!!!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Chris

David A. Denoff

David,
You have always made us proud of you. Continue to strive for the best in life, even if you have to argue for it. God bless you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Scott and Amanda

Robin Michelle Jones

We love you and are proud of you. We know that God will continue to bless you. Always trust in God. Remember: good, better, best, never let it rest , until your good is better and your better is best.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Marcus, the Joneses, the McSwains, the McCoys, the Smiths, the Grants and your entire family

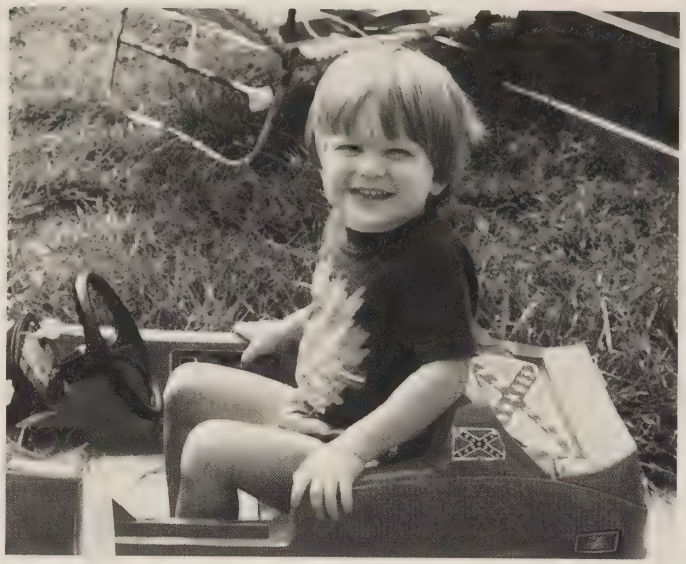
In fifteen years...Meagan and Matt: Moulder and Scully; Kelly: The best lawyer the world will ever see; Lindsay: Animal liberating tendencies will find her as an agent for AFL; Meagan: Dominating businesses as head CEO .
Monacan brand grade A beef at kickboxing--the beach--good times--bad times--Maymntgrl, Meagan, Kings Dominion, Applebee's, who drives the worst???
May all of our dreams and wishes come true--friends from the beginning and friends until the end. Success, luck, and glory in all of our endeavors!
Good friends until the end. Love you all.
Matt, Lindsay, Kelly, Moona, Meagan

James N. Cale, Jr.

"Gee dad, I really wanted a red Z-28."

Dana Nicole Howell

You are God's gift to our family. I'm so very proud of you and I know you will be achieving your goals that you set for yourself. So many people respect your hard work and admire your determination to succeed in life. May God be with you. Love from all of us.



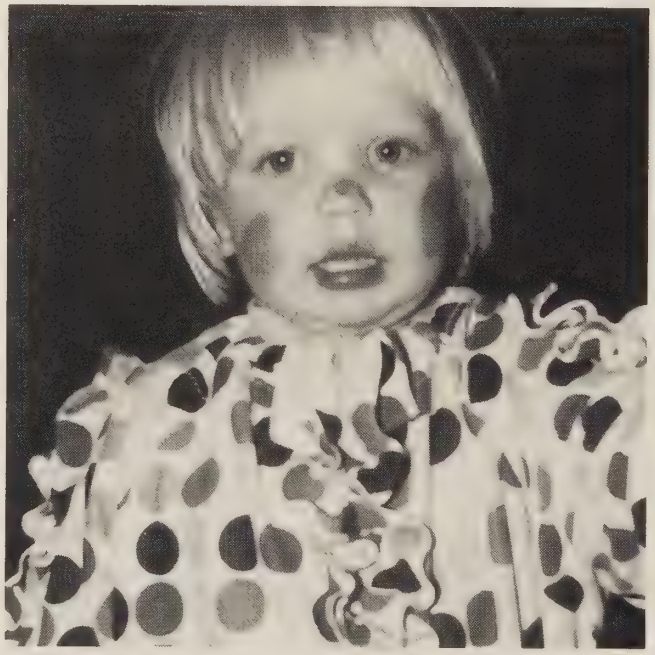
Bradley Dean Berry

Brad,
It's a long and sometimes bumpy road but you are on your way. We wish you all the best and we know with your determination you'll get where ever it is you want to go.
With love and a lot of pride,
Mom, Dad and Katie

Kevin Riehl

Kevin,
We're so very proud of you! Much success in all your dreams. Congratulations! We love you very much. Health and happiness always--
Love,
Mom, Dad and Lisa

Ashley Leeann Oliver



Your shining past is but a stepping stone to the future --you are its brightest star! We are so very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Eric

field hockey - CHEERLEADER - BAND - VACS - swim team - CRA - CARVER MIDDLE SCOOL - dancing - COTILLION

Shelly and Cameron
Your friendship has been a wonderous journey, filled with exciting moments and memorable experiences. Think back to the adventures you have had and look forward to the experiences yet to come. Remember you have all the tools and resources you need. What you do with them is up to you.
We are proud of you both, and look forward to sharing your future.
Love Always,
Your families

Oh the places you 'll go!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
Any direction you choose.
~Dr. Seuss~

softball -PRINCESS - QUEEN - BIG MAMA - LITTLE MAMA - dork

the pontiac - the geo storm - homestead - loser #1 - loser #2 - DEAN - WES - shell belle - cammy pooh - ecott curtis - friendly's - applebee's - NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK - friends

Christine C. Cadran

Christine,
You are a beautiful person inside and out. God could not have chosen a more wonderful daughter for us. You make us laugh, you make us cry, you make us worry, you make us think, but most of all you make us proud to be your parents.
Your loving family,
Dad, Mom, and Amanda "Congratulations"

Heather B. Lewis

Heather Bear,
Since the day you were born, you have brought so much love and joy into our lives. We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you've become, but you will always be our little princess. We love you sweetheart.
Mommy and Daddy

Brandy JoAnn Lyman

Congratulations Brandy
Since the moment you were born we were blessed; you are the kind of child every parent wishes for. We wish you the best. We know you will be successful in what ever you choose to do in life. You are and always will be "Daddy's Little Girl," Brandy. But...always remember you're "Mommy's Young Lady." We are so proud of you!
Love, Daddy and Mommy

Oh yeah..."What's up Sis?" We love you too!
Kenny & Tiffany

Cameron Dixon

Congratulations Cameron! You have had that wonderful smile since you were a baby. Keep smiling and continue to have compassion for others. We are so very proud of you. We wish you love and happiness in all that you do . May all your dreams come true. Cheers to a leader!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Kristen and Kerry

Wes Baskerville

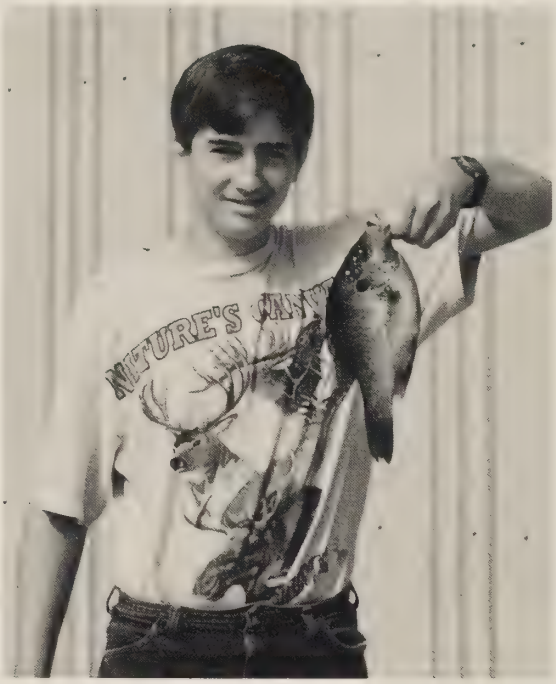
We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us...
Marcel Proust

The journey - as is life - is a learning experience and one you must make on your own. We would love to soften the blows and magnify the joy for you, but we cannot. We love you son, more than mere words can express.
Mom, Steve and Ashley

For the past four years you have been my boyfriend, my best friend, my support, my world, and my happiness! I treasure every day we share together and look forward to what the future holds. No matter what never forget how much you mean to me or how much I love you...MORE!
Your Love Amazes Me,
Cameron

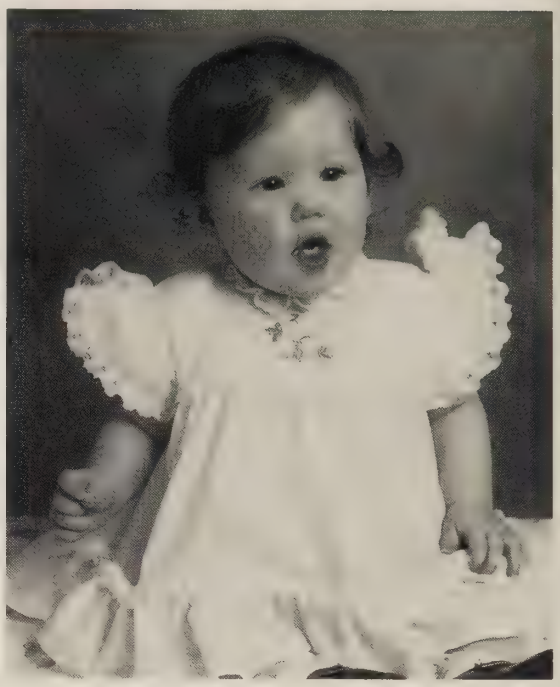
You have brightened my life since the eighth grade. No words will ever be able to describe what you mean to me. You have helped me through numerous hardships. No matter what went wrong in my life, you were always the inspiration that I needed to pull myself through. In years to come, when I look back to the past, I will always remember that you meant the world to me . I can only dream that one day we will be together, forever. Until then , I will love you with all my heart. I promise.
Wes

Nicholas Elder



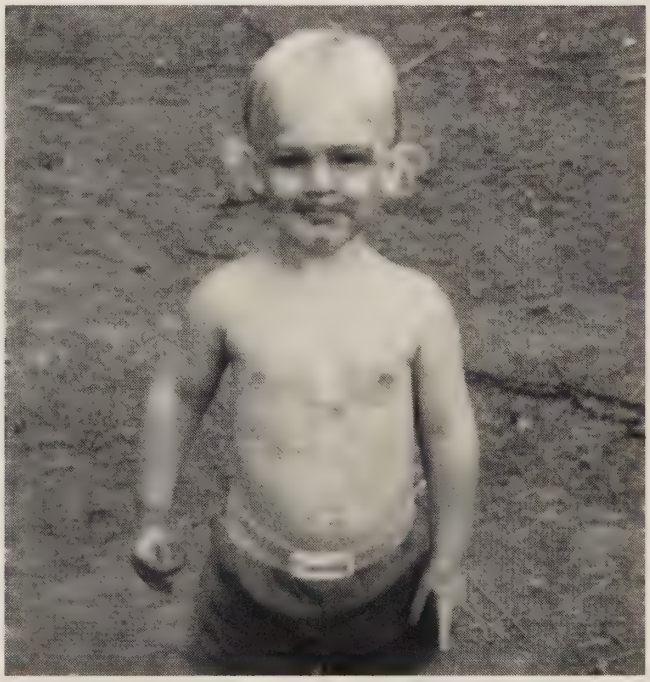
Congratulations to a wonderful son. We have always been proud of you. We wish you joy, happiness and success as you start your new life. Just remember we love you and will always be there for you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Melissa Chappell



"Prissie Missie"
Even at a young age we knew you were destined to something special. Your life has proven us right! You have a big heart and happy smile. Always let it show.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kim, David and Brian

Brian Akom



"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears however measured or far away." Always stay wonderfully independent.
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Chris

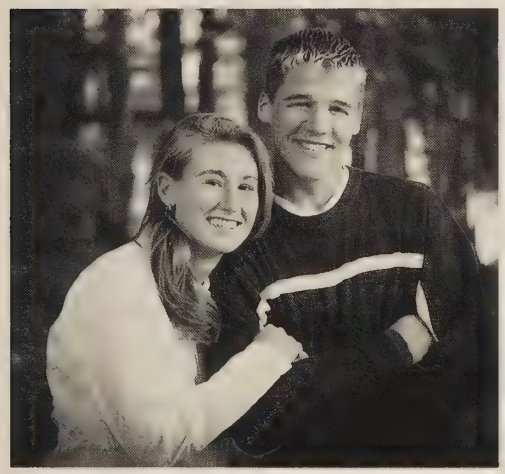
Jason D. Dodson

Congratulations Jason!
May you always be as happy as you have made us!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Bo, Lori & Sam, Tiffany & Dave, Teague & Craig , Kira, Reid

Stacie Kibiloski

Our lives are changed and our family is blessed by you, that smile and your music, on and off the piano. You are truly your own person and it is a joy to see God's work in your life. Our love and prayers go with you in all that you will do and become.
Dad, Mom, Buddy and Boo

Shelly Lichvar and Dean Weeks



As we open the next chapter of our lives, I want you to know I will always be there for you. You have been the light of my life for the past two and a half years. I love you more than anything, and wish you much success and happiness in the future.
Love always,
Shelly

Shelly,
I want you to know that regardless of what may happen in the future, you have been the best thing that has ever happened to me and I thank God for bringing you into my life. You are truly my heaven on earth.
Dean

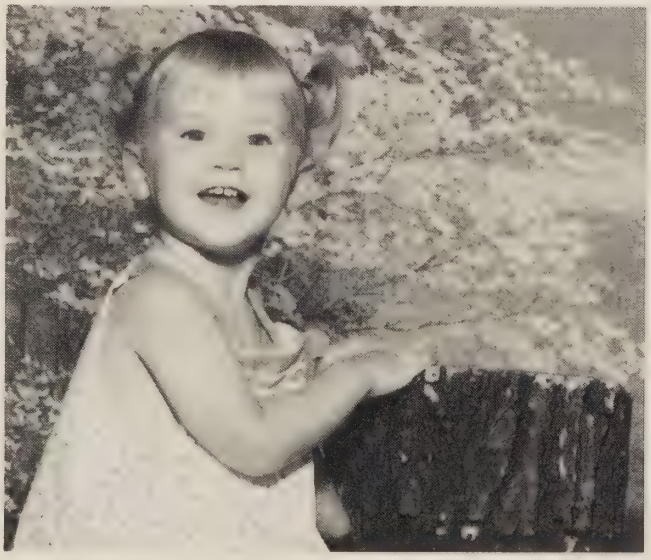
Francesa D. Evola

Wyou know Francesa, hyour moethare and I are so beddy proudth off hyou. Hyou hab debbildup eentoo soch a beautyful hyoung leddy.
I weel lobe hyou forebber!
Hyour Frayndth,
Consuela, Conchita, Lupita, Escobar
(Kissee! Kissee!)

Monica Manuel

To a cute little girl that has grown into a beautiful young lady. We wish you all the best in the future and whatever you do, we will be proud. We will be here for you always.
We love you Monica,
Mom, Dad and Mitch

Katy Brightly



Katy,
If we could gather up all the smiles, laughter, memories and pride you've brought to us through the years and give them back to you, we would. That way you'd understand just what it means to have a daughter like you and why you're one of the most important things in the world to us. No one could ever love and believe in a daughter more deeply than we love and believe in you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Riley Irving

Riley,

From the very beginning, you were special to us. We are so proud to have you as our son and to have shared these last 17 years with you. We love your thoughtfulness and great sense of humor. May life provide you with as much joy, love and happiness as you have given us. Congratulations, Riley! Keep smiling and keep on "truck'n" wherever life may take you. You have the potential to be anything you choose. Our love will always be with you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Danielle and Holmes

Kristin Broughton

Kristin:
God has truly blessed us with a very special daughter and sister. Always remember to do your best, take pride in your accomplishments and have faith in yourself.
We'll always be there for you and you 'll always have our unconditional love and support along the pathways of life. May the days and years ahead bring you much happiness, joy and success.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Jason

Tanesha R. Hughes

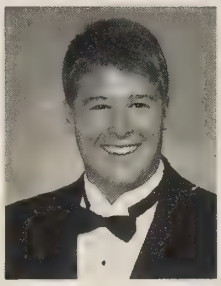
Congratulations,
Wish you much luck and success. May God bless you. Keep up the good work.
Love you,
Granny Zellena Holmes

Tanesha R. Hughes

Nesha,
We are extremely proud of you. Always put God first and you won't go wrong. We love you very much.
Love you forever!
Mom, Dad, Darryl II and Jonathan

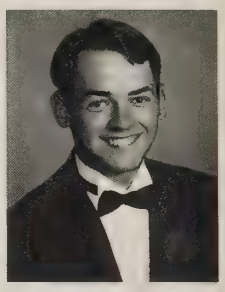
Here we are, ready to graduate and enter the real world. It's been so many years since we all began together. Most of us as "Pathfinders" in all of our honors classes at Salem. Times change though; we all know that. High school came and we split. Some got too good, others found better friends and forgot about old ones. During the years, all of our friendships swayed between not so close and very close. It is obvious though, that those of us who are true friends have been able to see through each other's faults and come together. Now, we are faced with another split. I hope that what is left of us, will be able to endure this test. We have made it this far, so it would be a tragedy if we didn't. If we do lose touch, never forget that I will always love you all.

Experiment, El Paso, Banana Nut Muffin, Chapstick, Kelly Did What?, Armaaaando, Underwear Is The Greatest Present, The Straitest Person That Ever Lived, Ukrop's At 6am, GYE: Yearbook Land, Grease Gods, How Do You Call Your Loverboy?, A Tear For Opcah And Hope Floats, Ode To A Bimbo, Camping In The Woods With A Lost Set Of Keys And A Bunch Of Coolers, Kool-Aid Hair, Chewin On My Feet, Kelly Says She's Never Used It, I'll Cut Your Hair, Poor Matt B. What Is He Thinking?, Kim And Her Men, Virginia Beach Anytime, We Have Gained An Appreciation For The United States Navy, What Is It About That Uniform?, The Melting Pot, No Doubt Too Many Times, B or B Which one?, Kim IS Going to Graduate, Let Matt Breathe.



Chip Munk

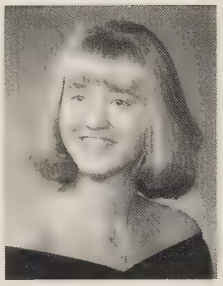
Popeyes, reflectors, neighborhood watch signs, NP, spring break, flying cars, Jamie's house, 4-person bed, Welcome to King's Dominion..., cut off Gordon, catch phrase, gestures, spoons, spit, water-gun fights, Baltimore Zoo, climbing trees, Maymont, girl screams, bad driving habits, stop slamming the door, tetris wars, Barbie Magic hairstyler squooshy thingie, Grease, fishy game, North Carlolina, big dipper



Linny

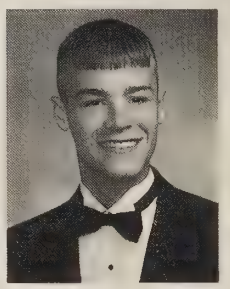
Pop-Tart

Acorn

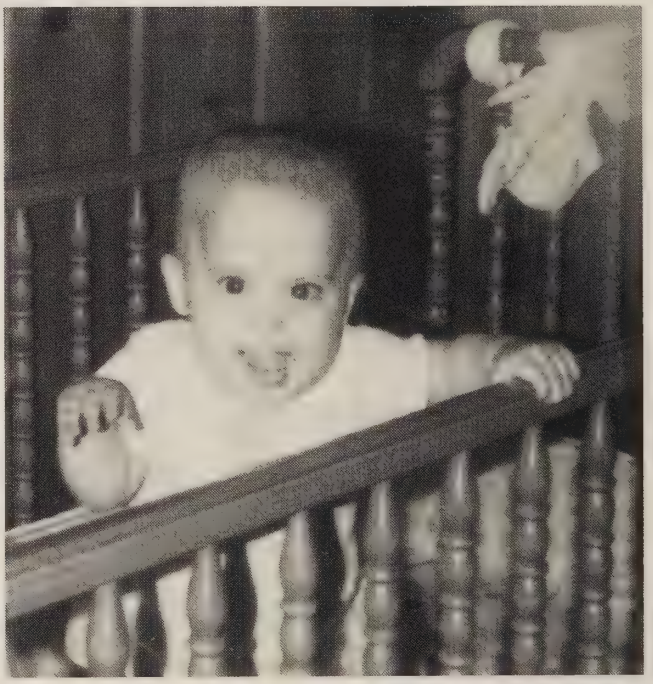


"True Friendship Multiplies the good in life and divides its evils...to find one real friend in a lifetime is a good fortune; to keep him is a blessing."

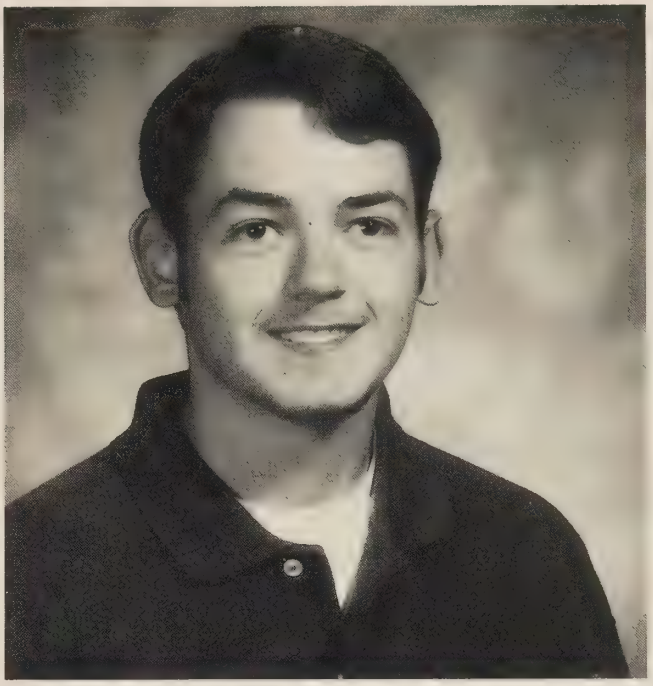
Good luck 4 Musketeers
(VMI, Tech, Methodist)
Love Always!!!



Lena Christine Basham



Christy,
Our baby girl is now a young lady. You have filled our life with so much happiness. Always believe in yourself. Follow your dreams. We are very proud of you. Always be the loving, caring person that you are. We wish you all the best in your future. We love you.
Mom and Dad



Jamie Whitlow

Thank you for the years of joy and pride you have brought us. While you continue to grow and search for what you want from life, know that we will be there to love and support you.

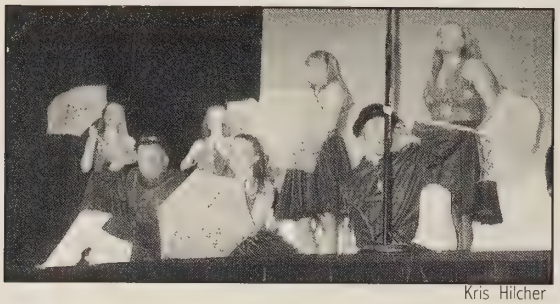
Mom, Dad, Grandma, Granny, Jennifer & Ben, Laura & Scott, Christy, Jennifer, Holly, Hayley & Brittnee

Latin 4*5*Z*H - A Little Something For Everyone

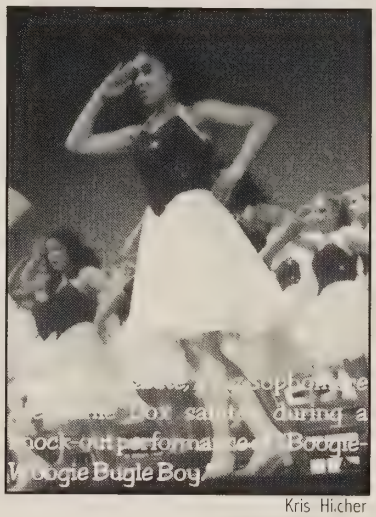
Trey's Chapstick, It's the cacata, "we have 20 minutes", WELCOME TO QUIZVILLE, Lusty Jove, Lesbia Videos, Fac It, 2 Legit 2 Quit, "Was Julius Ceasar a Roman?"--Did you go to high school???, snack 'n' scan, Nacho Cheese!, Q: What did the fish say when he ran into the cement wall?, sweeping man, funny "ha ha" or funny "strange"?, Do we get one word?, PINK PASS, long dic!, "Pay attention to me!", F-R-I-E-N-D-S recap, Pinus Ingens, Frosted Sexy Charms, 2 weeks of Twin Day, Jason Martin: "I hope we don't have to go outside and run.", Gummy Bears, Six-legged Spider, "A pigeon touched my head!", Thomas' test anxiety, "Who is up here talking?", Trey's tardies, Jason's word association game.

Congratulations

Doing the Latest Rag. Sudden Image strikes a first class passenger pose. Junior Heather Taylor said, "The set this year had a style different from past years, and it contained many character changes."



Kris Hilcher



[illegible] Box [illegible] during a [illegible]ock-out performance of "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy."

Kris Hilcher

Kris Hilcher

Kings of the Rumba Beat. Junior Alvin Bulanadi and Senior Matt Butler rip off their jackets to teach people how to show off their maraca beat.

Reflections

Lee Davis Competition:
- ☺2nd Place Over All
- ☺Best Band Award
- ☺Best Choreography Over All
- ❄Showmanship Awards: Kim Cutler, Emily Skelton, and Heather Taylor

Manchester Competition:
- ☺Superior Rating
- ❄Showmanship Award: Heather Hile

E.C. Glass Competition:
- ☺3rd Place Over All
- ☺Best Vocal Production Award

Overall Showmanship Award: Tara Garrison

Band

Five Time Commonwealth of Virginia Honor Band

VBODA State Marching Festival:
- ☺Band: Superior Rating
- ☺Auxilary: Superior Rating

Nottaway Competition:
- ☺Band: 2nd Place
- ☺Auxilary: 1st Place

VBODA Concert Festival: Tenth Consecutive Superior Rating

Fiesta-Val Band Festival at Myrtle Beach:
- ☺Parade: Superior Rating-GRAND CHAMPION
- ☺Concert: Superior Rating-1st Place
- ☺Jazz Ensemble: Superior Rating
- ☺Indoor Drumline: Superior Rating-2nd Place

Sudden Image

Lee Davis Competition:
- ❄Showmanship Awards: Devan Donaldson, Lisa Viets

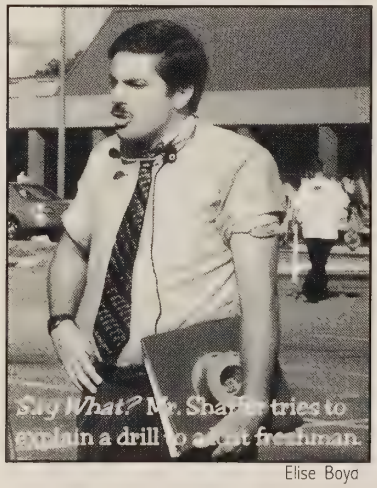
E. C. Glass Competition:
- ☺Best Soloist: Andy Tarantino

Manchester Competition:
- ☺Superior Rating
- ❄Showmanship Awards: Dustin Shifflett, Lazette Woolridge

Outstanding Male Vocalist: Matt Butler
Outstanding Female Vocalist: Kim Cutler

Candice Cobb

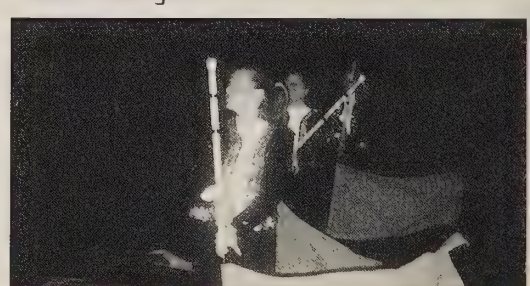
Turn the Beat Around. LCB drumline gives a special show at a football game late in the season.



Say What? Mr. Shaffer tries to explain a drill to a dust freshman.

Elise Boyd

Guard Ten-Hut. Colorguard captain Samantha Pierce leads warm-ups before performing in the half-time show at the all important Thomas Dale game.



Elise Boyd

Choruses and Band

By Heather Hile and Elise Boyd

Lisa Viets

In the Spotlight. Senior Emily Skelton struts her stuff in her solo "Keep Me Hanging On."

Kris Hilcher

Chick Chicky Boom, Sudden Image dances to a Caribbean style. The girls show off those legs in their little hot pink dresses.

Elise Boyd

Drumming Up a Pose. Always goofing off, the drumline shows off after placing with a frist rate performance at Nottaway.

Steppin' Time. The marching band returns from a performance at the Chesterfield County Fair Grounds for county executives.

Sara Verret

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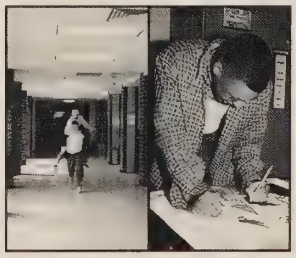

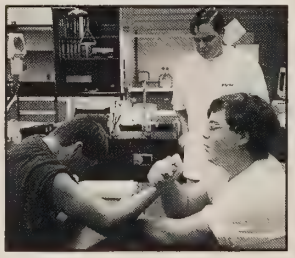

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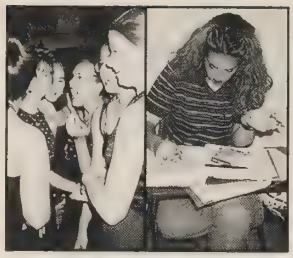

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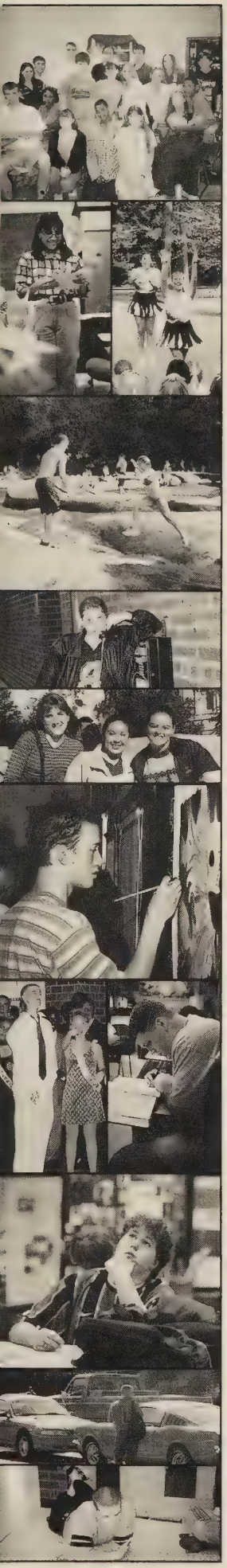

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Senior Lindsey Halbert said, "I think Mrs. Howsmon is the greatest teacher ever. And Kimberly and Sara are the coolest. Journalism is my life. Long live journalism and Sandra from Gettysburg."

Junior Angela Lovett said, "The yearbook has given me the initiative and the necessary experience to choose a career in journalism. If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing."

1999 Talon Editorial Staff

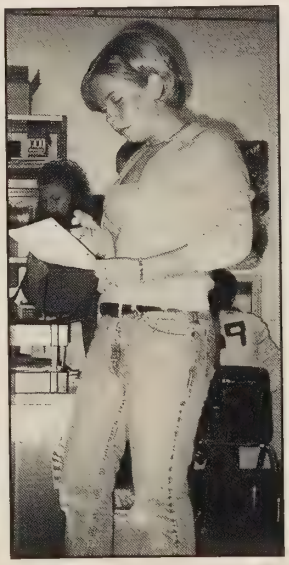
"Yearbook has more than exceeded my expectations this year. Overall it was a very beneficial experience for me," said junior Kris Hilsher.

"Being on the Talon staff these last three years has really helped us learn many important skills needed for other classes, jobs, and life in general. We have gained computer and writing knowledge, along with people skills. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be the co-editors-in-chief this year. The experience will last with us for the rest of our lives. Mrs. Howsmon,we love you!" said seniors Sara Verret and Kimberly Earles.

Senior Heather Lewis said, "This class has helped me learn more about responsibility. I have gained skills that I can later use."

"Being on the yearbook staff for two years has made me recognize a talent I never knew I had," said senior Shelly Lichvar.

"Yearbook helped me discover my love of journalism. Now I know exactly what I want to be when I grow up... an 11th grader working on a yearbook," said junior Meredith Cole.



Junior Cheryl Guthmann said, "Yearbook is an awesome class. I recommend it to anyone who wants to work hard and still have a chance to joke in class."

"Journalism is another couple of stressful hours of the day for me. But I actually enjoy it!" said junior Elise Boyd.

Angela Lovett

☞ *Sitting Up at a Table.* Sophomore Nancy Hodge poses at a table at Ironbridge Park. "Angela Lovett needed some pictures for her photography project. So, we went to the park and took some," she said.

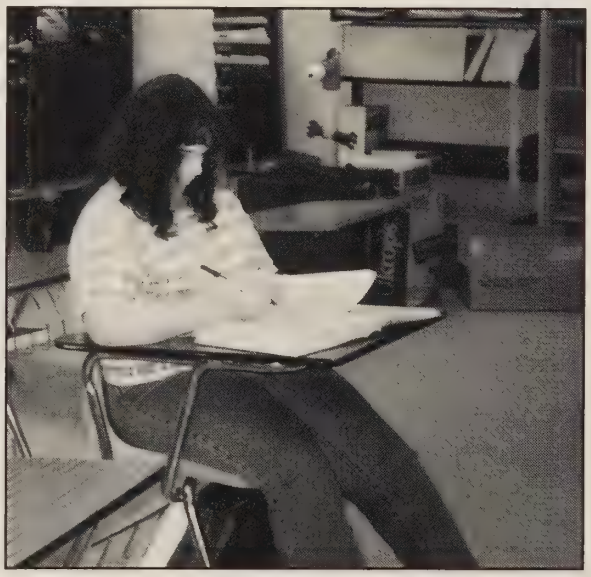
U N T I L...

Students have seen many changes in appearances in the school. This year began with construction at its peak. Roads were torn out, and classrooms were moved. The completion of the new library, math wing, bus loop, health rooms, office, and guidance were all completed.

Underclassmen were faced with the gym and locker rooms closing for part of the year. While some students may have enjoyed the break from the routine, it was a nuisance to others. The field house eventually became the area for dressing out, to the relief of many.

While life goes on, some teachers will find out what retired life is like. Ms. Paulette, Ms. Kusterbeck, Ms. Goode, Mrs. Fulghum, Ms. Edwards, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Slosser and Ms. Deane are all calling the 1999 school year their last. Together they have taught for a total of 101 years at Bird.

Time Keeps On Tickin'. Freshman Robin Perdue finishes up her English exam after the bell. "I was expecting to write about destiny, but we were assigned a suspense," she said.



Angela Howsmon

Annalisa Volo

☞ *Burn Baby Burn... Bunsen Inferno.* Senior Christie Toney performs a chemistry lab. "It takes a lot of concentration to become a chemistry genius," she said.

Doodle Bug. Senior Matthew Jones looks for inspiration outside the classroom for his Art 2 class. "I thought going outside would help clear my head from classroom distractions, and allow me to just relax for a while," he said.

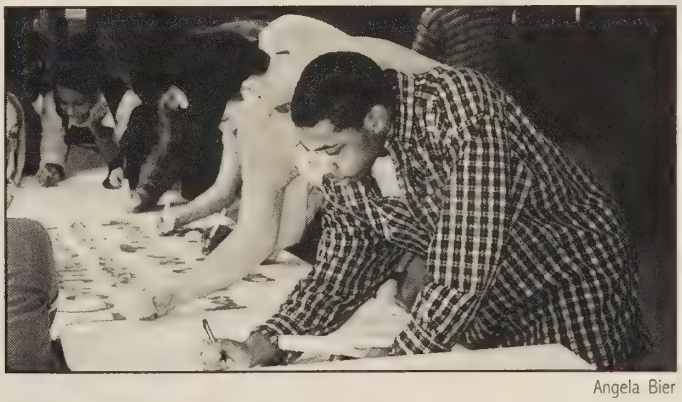
Kim Skora

Bunny Gunderson

Under da Sea. Sophomores Lauren Price and Elizabeth Swearingen stop and pose at a scuba cut out at the Virginia Marine Science Museum. "I never thought I could really have fun here, but I did!" said Lauren.

Candice Cobb

Little Drummer Boys. Adam Grayberg, Eric Eichenlaub, and Chase Dubay march in Myrtle Beach. "Band has helped me decide on my major... music," Eric said.



Angela Bier

Voices that Care. Jeric Murphy sends his thoughts to Columbine High School. "I wanted to show my sorrow," said Jeric.

Looky What We Got Here. Juniors Donna Pearce and Jimmy Ebertowski open a box for prom committee. "The committee was a great experience," Donna said.

Kris Hitscher

Three Amigas. Juniors Shari Knight, Sparkle Turner, and Michelle Richardson take a break in class. "Being in a class with my friends helps make it more enjoyable," said Michelle.

Rachel Fabian

Go Speedrac Go! Senior Bria Akom races at th Myrtle Beac band trip. "It gav us a chance to tr to beat the ban directors," he sai

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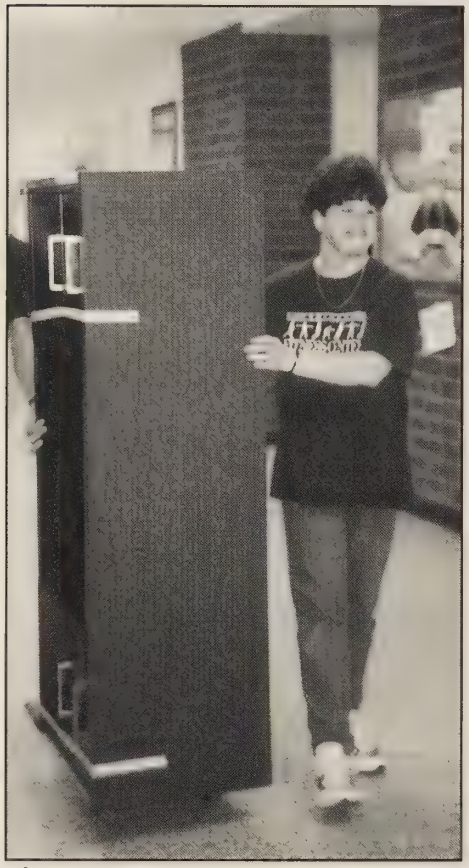

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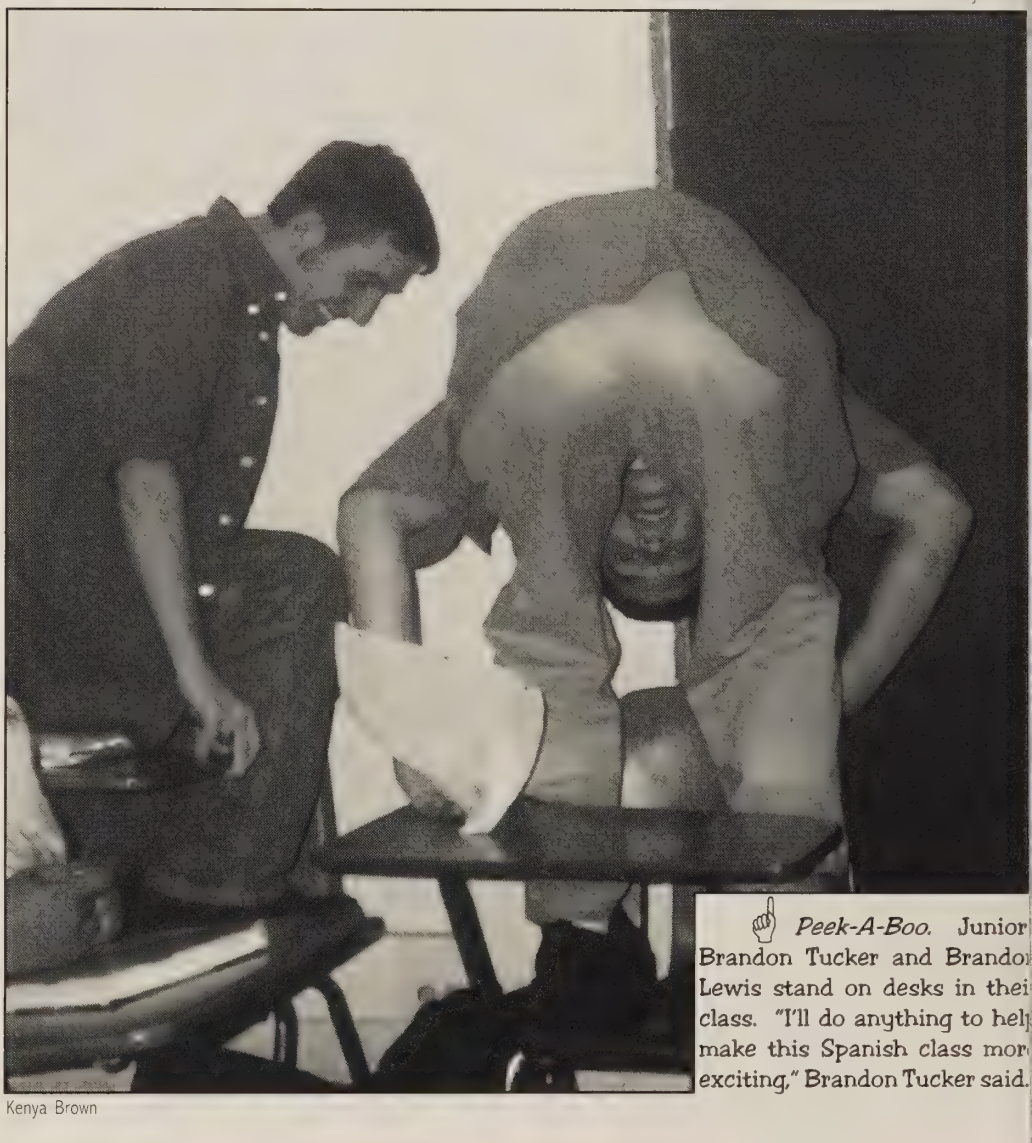
The Wheels on the Cabinet Go Round and Round. Office Secretary Micky Grodski moves a cabinet for their make-shift office location in the 300's. "I thought the moving was so much fun!" she said.



Peek-A-Boo. Junior Brandon Tucker and Brando Lewis stand on desks in thei class. "I'll do anything to help make this Spanish class mor exciting," Brandon Tucker said.

Kenya Brown

Dara Boggs

Brush 'Em Brush 'Em Brush 'Em. Sophomore Stephaine Crow attempts to fix a broken picture frame. "I was making a frame for photography; it broke so I had to fix it," said Stephanie.

Angela Howsmon

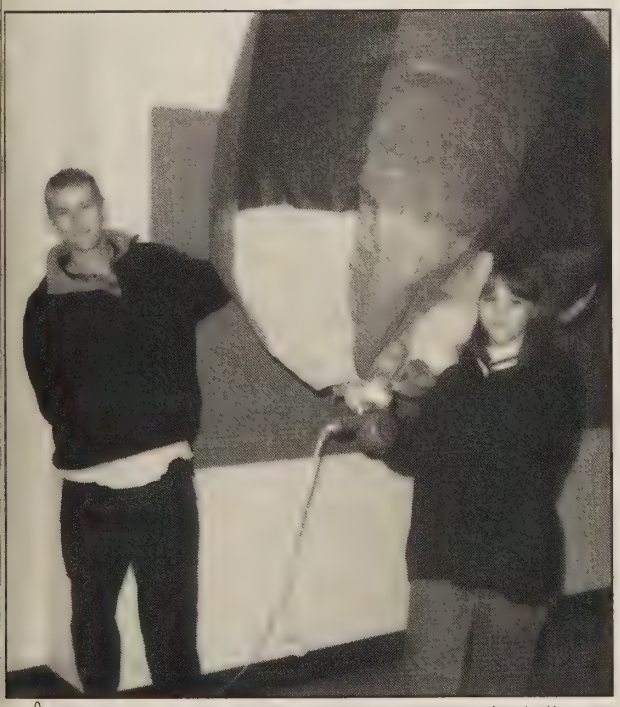
Getting in the Last Word. Barbara Headley stays in her old office to make one last call. "Hello 911 -- I'd like to report some missing furniture," said Mrs. Headley.

...THE END

Many sports' teams went above and beyond all expectations during the school year. The JV football team was undefeated for the second year in a row. The varsity baseball team won the Dominion District title . Girls indoor and outdoor track placed well at States this year.

As closing time drew near, students began to grow anxious, yet they were filled with mixed emotions about leaving and going off into the 'real world.' For some this was the last summer in Chesterfield before going off to college, the armed forces, trade school, or elsewhere for travel or work.

No matter what the future has in store for them, it helps to know that they can persevere through many different situations. They are ***holding on until the end.***



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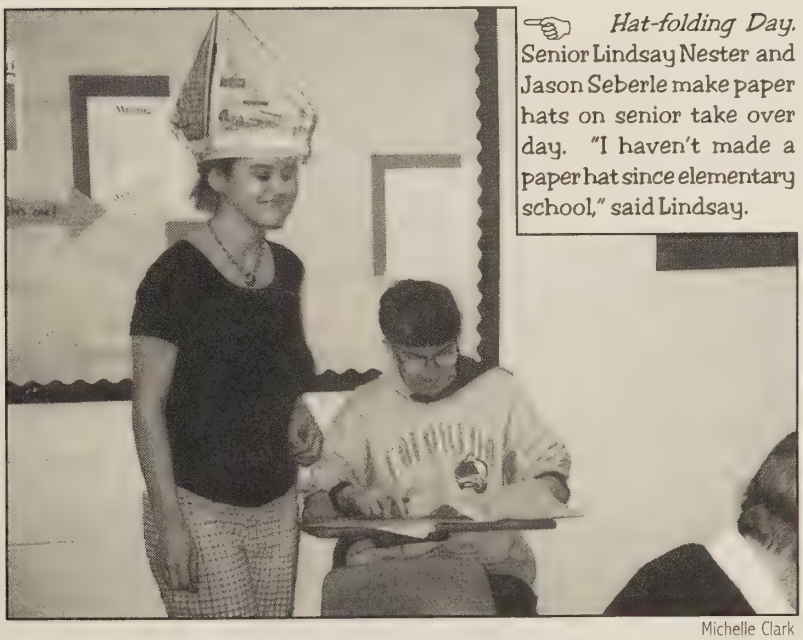
Full of Hot Air. Juniors Michelle Harlow and Chris Vaughn make a balloon project for science. "It was a great learning experience that took a lot of committment on both our parts," Michelle said.



Michelle Clark

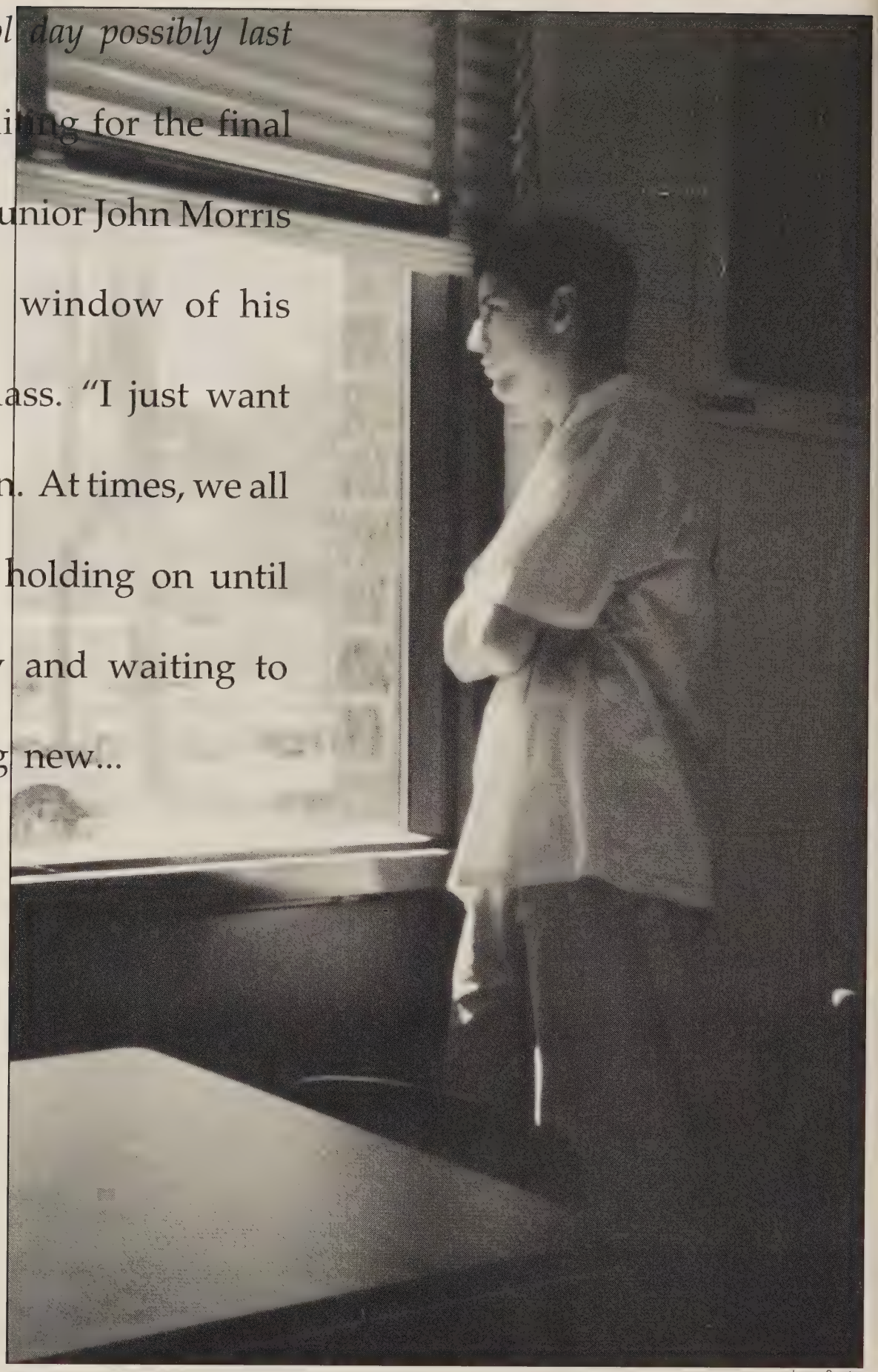
Hat-folding Day. Senior Lindsay Nester and Jason Seberle make paper hats on senior take over day. "I haven't made a paper hat since elementary school," said Lindsay.

By Kimberly Faith Earles

and

Sara Lydia Verret

Could the school day possibly last any longer? Waiting for the final bell to sound, junior John Morris gazes out the window of his fourth block class. "I just want OUT," said John. At times, we all find ourselves holding on until the end, ready and waiting to start something new...



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Friends gained momentum breezing through another successful season by adding story lines about Phoebe giving birth, Ross and Emily's divorce, and Monica and Chandler's new relationship.

Cameron Diaz turned heads and stomachs in the summer surprise blockbuster ***There's Something About Mary*** with Ben Stiller and Matt Dillon. There was also a huge demand for the movie's scene-stealing Border terrier in a cast. Twentieth Century Fox made only 820 of the stuffed dog promotional items. The hit made more than $220 million.

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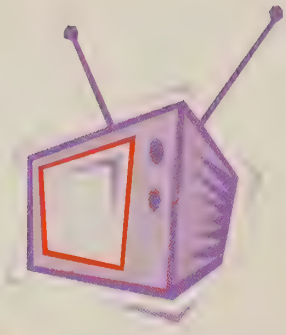

The comedy ***Shakespeare in Love***, starring Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow, celebrated Shakespeare's genius and won Golden Globes for Best Screenplay and Best Comedy Film.

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Entertainment

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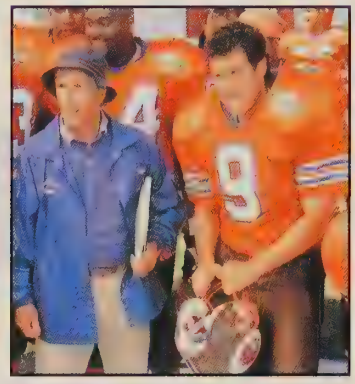
Audiences and critics alike responded to the brilliant characters, witty wordplay, and physical humor found in ***Frasier***. The show won an Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series and Kelsey Grammer and David Hyde Pierce both won Emmys for their portrayals of the Crane brothers.



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Adam Sandler's movie career soared. He followed the success of ***The Wedding Singer*** with ***Waterboy***, a comedy that made $122 million.

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The WB's coming-of-age-drama, ***Felicity***, drew high ratings among 18 to 34-year-olds in upper income households.

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Jim Carrey won a Golden Globe for best actor in ***The Truman Show***. The movie was also nominated for three Oscars.

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Dawson's Creek continued to keep the attention of viewers with its handsome cast and controversial subject matter.

WB Network/Shooting Star

Saving Private Ryan gave a graphic account of the violence of World War II and earned Steven Speilberg Golden Globes for best director and best film. The blockbuster took in $188 million the first time, and was re-released in February. It received an Oscar nomination for best picture.

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Fast-talking Chris Tucker proved himself to be star material as a Los Angeles Police detective in ***Rush Hour***. He teamed with Jackie Chan in this action comedy that made more than $139 million.

Fox/Shooting Star

Fox's ***Ally McBeal*** remained a favorite for its offbeat humor and received a Golden Globe Best Comedy Series Award.

Top 10 movies of 1998:

Saving Private Ryan
There's Something About Mary
The Truman Show
Shakespeare in Love
A Bug's Life
The Waterboy
Rush Hour
Armageddon
Lethal Weapon 4
Enemy of the State

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- Gus Van Sant recreated Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 ***Psycho*** with Vince Vaughn as Norman Bates and Anne Heche playing the shower victim.
- Favorites that continued to earn high ratings included ***Just Shoot Me, the X-Files, Dharma and Greg, Touched By An Angel, Spin City, JAG,*** and ***Everybody Loves Raymond***.
- New shows such as ***Jesse, That '70s Show, Sports Night,*** and ***Will and Grace*** were popular with fans and critics.
- We bid farewell to one of TV's greatest shows, ***Seinfeld***. The last episode aired May 14.
- Michael J. Fox walked away from the Golden Globe Awards as best actor in a comedy/musical series. Fox revealed earlier in the year that he had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for the past seven years.
- The 1st annual TV Guide Awards, where winners were chosen by viewers in a mail-in survey, was held in February.
- TVs most eligible bachelor, ***Today's*** Matt Lauer, tied the knot with Annette Roque. Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman married May 1 in Manhattan. ***Home Alone*** star, 17-year-old Macaulay Culkin, said "I do" to Rachel Miner, also 17.

George Clooney left the very successful drama ***ER*** to pursue more movie opportunities. He plans to produce some television shows and make guest appearances on ***ER*** next season.

Warner Bros/Shooting Star

20th Century Fox TV/Shooting Star

The ABC law drama, ***The Practice***, won a Golden Globe and an Emmy for Best Dramatic Series. Star Dylan McDermott took home a Golden Globe, while Camryn Manheim earned an Emmy and Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress.

What were your favorite television shows and movies?

The summer blockbuster ***Armageddon*** was well received by movie audiences. Bruce Willis, Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, and a killer asteroid kept audiences on the edge of their seats.

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Fans crowded theaters to see Mel Gibson and Danny Glover together once again in ***Lethal Weapon 4***. Hong Kong martial arts star Jet Li made his American debut in the film while comedian Chris Rock added comic relief as Glover's future son-in-law.

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Disney Pictures/Shooting Star

Hollywood put the spotlight on insects this year with the release of ***A Bug's Life*** and ***Antz***. ***A Bug's Life*** took in more than $148 million, and opened with the highest grossing Thanksgiving weekend in history.

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- Phil Hartman, best known for ***Saturday Night Live*** and ***News Radio***, died. Puppeteer Shari Lewis and funny man Flip Wilson lost their battles with cancer. We said goodbye to Roy Rogers, Gene Autrey, and TV's well-known dad, Robert Young. Gene Siskel, of the movie critic team Siskel & Ebert, died in February.
- Sarah Michelle Gellar's career skyrocketed. TV's ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer*** mixed typical teenage crises with supernatural deception and horror. Gellar starred in two movies, ***Simply Irrestible*** and ***Cruel Intentions***.
- ***Today's*** Katie Couric battled to educate Americans about colon cancer after losing her husband to the deadly disease last year. Couric's place at NBC remained firm with a $7 million contract.
- After more than 10 years of marraige, Demi Moore and Bruce Willis called it quits.
- Rosie O'Donnell's live daily talk show continued to win the hearts of viewers. It won an Emmy for Best Talk Show as well as a TV Guide Award.

At 17, Monica released her second successful album, ***The Boy is Mine***. The Georgia native's career has rocketed since her first album, ***Miss Thang***. With her new mature sound, success seems to be her destiny. Teaming with Brandy on the single, ***The Boy is Mine***, the duo won a Grammy for Best R&B Performance By A Duo.

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Tim McGraw scored his eighth number one single with ***Where the Green Grass Grows***. He won the Country Music Association's Award for Album of the Year for his album ***Everywhere*** which produced six singles. He and wife Faith Hill also became parents for the second time.

M.Morrison/Shooting Star

Toronto's Barenaked Ladies became extremely popular with their album, ***Stunt***. They were part of the summer's H.O.R.D.E. tour and their single, ***One Week***, went to number one on the Billboard Hot 100.

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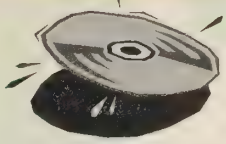
Who were your favorite musicians?



Top 10 albums of 1998:

The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill (Lauryn Hill)
Surfacing (Sarah McLachlan)
Come On Over (Shania Twain)
Backstreet Boys (Backstreet Boys)
Yourself or Someone Like You (Matchbox 20)
Third Eye Blind (Third Eye Blind)
Wide Open Spaces (Dixie Chicks)
So Much for the Afterglow (Everclear)
Lie to Me (Jonny Lang)
'N Sync (N Sync)

Brandy had a good year with the success of her ***Never Say Never*** album released in the spring of 1998. The album included a duet with Monica, ***The Boy is Mine***. She also made her big-screen debut with ***I Still Know What You Did Last Summer***.

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- Alanis Morisette's second album, ***Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie***, sold 460,000 copies its first week of release. Her song, ***Uninvited***, won Grammys for Best Rock Song and Best Female Rock Vocal Performance.
- Geri Halliwell's June announcement to leave the Spice Girls was a shock to fans, especially since it was made the night before the beginning of their North American tour.
- Jennifer Love Hewitt's single, ***How Do I Deal***, off the ***I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*** soundtrack was popular. She is one of many television and movie stars to enter the music industry.
- Will Smith won three American Music Awards in January 1999 for Favorite Male Artist, Favorite Album, and Favorite Male Soul/R&B Artist. He received a Grammy for Best Rap Solo Performance with ***Gettin' Jiggy Wit It***. He also won two honors at the MTV Music Video Awards.
- Silkk the Shocker's ***Made Man*** sold an impressive 240,000 copies its first week in stores, the highest sales so far in 1999 for a single album.
- Garth Brooks hit the road touring and grossed $35 million while his album ***Sevens*** spent 10 weeks at number one on the Country charts. His ***Double Live*** and ***Limited Series*** albums also hit the the number one slot, making him the first artist in 23 years to land three albums at number one in one year.
- Legendary musician James Taylor was awarded the Century Award, Billboard's highest honor.
- Fans were shocked when Toni Braxton filed for bankruptcy after several successful years in music.
- LeAnn Rimes' hit ***How Do I Live*** set a record for longest time on the Billboard Hot 100 with 69 weeks.
- Groups like Squirrel Nut Zippers, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, and the Brian Setzer Orchestra revived the Swing movement.
- Sheryl Crow received a Grammy for Best Rock Album for ***The Globe Sessions***.

The Dave Matthews Band album, ***Before These Crowded Streets***, debuted at number one last May. The band was the second 1998 top concert money earner, with more than $40 million.

Madonna's music and appearance have softened since motherhood. She won Grammys for her album ***Ray of Light*** which received Best Pop Album and the single, ***Ray of Light***, which received Best Dance Recording.

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In 1998, Jewel stayed busy with her album ***Hands*** which sold 10 million copies. She also released a poetry book, ***A Night Without Armor***, which sold more than 500,000 copies.

Just a week after its release, Lauryn Hill's debut solo album, ***The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill***, climbed to the top of the Billboard charts. Hill wrote and produced the entire album which received 10 Grammy nominations. Hill won 5 Grammys, including one for Best R&B Album and Best New Artist.

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The Backstreet Boys sold more than 22 million records worldwide. With hits like ***I'll Never Break Your Heart*** and ***All I Have To Give***, their fresh faces and dance club music have teens and even some adults screaming for more.

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Australian-born Natalie Imbruglia dominated airways for a year with her first single, ***Torn***. Her album, ***Left of the Middle***, sold more than five million copies.

With her album ***Come On Over*** selling 18.5 million copies and her song ***Still the One*** receiving a Grammy for Best Female Country Vocal Performance, Shania Twain had quite a year. The Canadian took in $34 million in concert revenues and earned more American Music Award nominations than any other musician.

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- Celine Dion appeared in VH1's Divas Live along with pop divas Mariah Carey, Aretha Franklin, Carole King, and Shania Twain. Dion earned $55.5 million and sold 28 million albums. She won two Grammys for ***My Heart Will Go On***.
- Long-time legend Elton John was in the number one spot for concert sales, earning $46.2 million.
- The all-male pop group 'N Sync had two top 40 hits, ***I Want You Back*** and ***Tearing Up My Heart***. Their self-titled album went platinum.
- Multi-platinum recording artist Sarah McLachlan put together the second Lilith Fair festival, which celebrated women musicians.
- Britney Spears, 17, found success with the single ***...Baby, One More Time***. The song landed at number one on Billboard's chart.
- Although the Goo Goo Dolls have been together since the 80s, they scored their first number one hit with ***Iris***, which received three Grammy nominations. Their album, ***Dizzy Up the Girl***, went platinum.
- Barbra Streisand, 56, and James Brolin, 58, exchanged vows.
- Linda McCartney, wife of Paul, lost her battle with breast cancer.
- The music world also said farewell to Carl Perkins, Tammy Wynette, Eddie Rabbit, and Junior Wells.

Frank Sinatra, "Ol' Blue Eyes," died at age 82.

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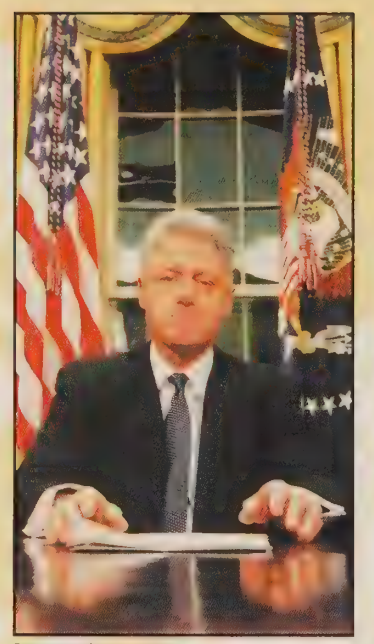
The Dixie Chicks three-part harmony mixed classic country sound with contemporary style. Their album, ***Wide Open Spaces***, made them one of the biggest selling new acts of 1998. They took home the Horizon Award at the 32nd annual Country Music Awards. They scored big at the Grammys, winning Best Country Album with ***Wide Open Spaces*** and Best Country Performance By A Duo for ***There's Your Trouble***.

On December 19, President William Jefferson Clinton became only the second President in history to be impeached by Congress. Kenneth Starr's investigation culminated with the House of Representatives being presented with four articles of impeachment. The House adopted two of the articles and the stage was set for a Senate trial. The impeachment trial lasted five weeks and ended on February 12 with President Clinton's acquittal on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.



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On February 29, 1962, John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the earth. Glenn, 77, took his second space voyage on October 29, 1998, aboard the shuttle Discovery. Returning after nine days, Glenn found readjusting to gravity to be the greatest challenge of the mission. He was welcomed back to earth with a New York City ticker tape parade.

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World Events

On his 85th pastoral trip outside of Italy, Pope John Paul II traveled to the United States and Mexico. His return to Mexico was significant because it was the country where he made his first foreign trip as Pope. His visit to St. Louis was his first trip to the Gateway To the West.

Victoria Valtierra/CUARTOSCURO/Sygma

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Two officers were killed when 41-year-old Russell Weston charged into the U.S. Capitol building and opened fire. Weston had a history of mental instability and violence. He was caught and charged with murder. The victims, Officer Jacob Chestnut (top), and Special Agent John Gibson (bottom), were called heroes for their bravery and sacrifice.

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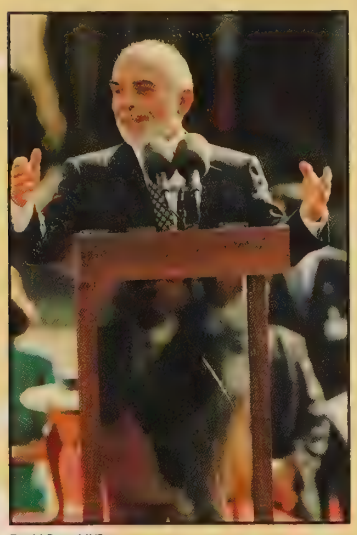
None of the 229 people on board Swiss Flight 111 survived the September 2 crash on the coast of Canada's Nova Scotia. The cause of the crash was reported to be faulty wiring.

Jordan's King Hussein, 63, died of cancer. He ruled Jordan since 1952, longer than any other leader in the middle east. Hussein played a crucial role in the peace process between the Palestinians and Israelis. His funeral procession was attended by nearly a million people. His son, 37-year-old Prince Abdullah, is heir to the throne.



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Newt Gingrich resigned as Speaker of the House after the Republicans lost five seats in the House of Representatives in the November elections.

Robert Giroux/Gamma Liaison

Food was a powerful weapon in Sudan's 15-year civil war. Officials of the famine-plagued country allowed an airdrop of food from the U.N., but it was impossible to feed all of the hungry.

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What was the most significant event to you?

Dr. Jack Kevorkian made headlines once again when CBS's ***60 Minutes*** aired a videotape of the Michigan doctor assisting a suicide. He was arrested and charged with first degree murder.

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Even after promising full cooperation, Iraq's Saddam Hussein continued to frustrate and restrict U.N. arms inspectors. The United States and Great Britain joined forces in a December 17 strike against military targets in Iraq. In the months following the attack, Hussein increased military activity and went on the offensive with dog fights in the "no-fly" zone.

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Eric Rudolph, the prime suspect in the January 29, 1998, bombing of a Birmingham, Alabama, abortion clinic that killed one person and seriously injured another, remained on the loose as one of the F.B.I.'s Most Wanted fugitives. Rudolph was believed to be hiding in the hills of North Carolina. The fact that he was an avid outdoorsman has led searchers to think it may be a long time before he is found.

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- In Texas, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year old African American, was dragged by his ankles behind a truck driven by three white men, all of whom were charged with murder.
- Three Utah sisters all gave birth on the same day, March 11, despite almost impossible odds. Strangely enough, the baby that was due last was born first.
- Former Governor of Alabama and four-time presidential candidate George Wallace died in September.
- A large number of people contracted e-coli in 1998. It was discovered in water supplies, meat products, and various water parks across America. Two-year-old McCall Akin died after contracting e-coli at an Atlanta water park.
- University of Wyoming freshman Matthew Shepard was beaten and left to die October 12 after leaving a campus hangout with Russell Henderson, 21, and Aaron McKinney, 22. Shepard's death ignited an outpouring of sympathy and protests from gay rights activists.

V. Miladinovic/Sygma

Indonesian President Suharto stepped down from a 32-year reign in May after a three-day protest outside of Parliament. Although Vice President B.J. Habbie was sworn in until 2003, conditions did not improve and protests continued. As a result, Parliament agreed to hold new elections in the spring.

Houston's Nkem Chukwu became the first woman to give birth to a surviving set of octuplets. The first baby was born December 8 and the rest came on December 20. Seven of the eight babies have survived.

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On March 24 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Andrew Golden, 11, opened fire on Westside Elementary students and teachers who were evacuating the school during a fire alarm. The boys, who were positioned in nearby woods, killed four girls and one teacher, and wounded 10 others.

In China, monsoon rains caused the Yangtze River to flood to levels not reached since 1954. Damages were estimated at $30 billion and 3,656 were reported dead.

Marcus Oleniuk/Sygma

Extensive fires caused by long-term-drought forced 70,000 people to flee their Florida homes in July. The National Guard, Marines, and firefighters from across the nation battled the flames.

Thousands were wounded and 224 killed when the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were bombed. Saudi exile Osama bin Laden was suspected of being behind the terrorist attacks. President Clinton retaliated with a missile strike. Seven men were arrested in connection with the bombings.

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Hurricane Mitch's fury hit hard, killing more than 10,000 people in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua and leaving some two million homeless. Eight days of rain and 180-mile-an-hour winds followed the hurricane which was said to be the deadliest storm in the Atlantic in 200 years.

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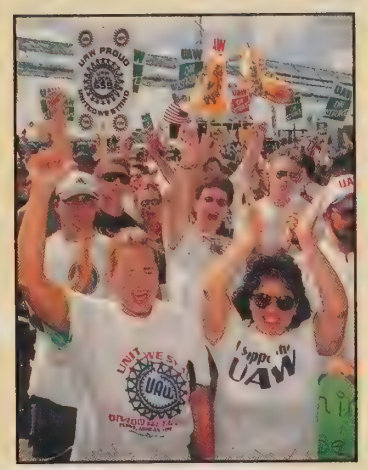

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El Niño was blamed for extremely hot and rainy weather around the world. The unusual weather patterns were caused when ocean currents and winds began changing in early 1997. In Africa, the weather was deadly, causing a spread of Rift Valley fever. The disease, transmitted by mosquitos, killed 89,000 people.

Jesse "The Body" Ventura became the governor of Minnesota in January. The former Navy SEAL and professional wrestler pulled off a stunning upset in November winning the governor's race as a member of the Reform party.

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The GM strikes that idled 161,000 workers and shut down nearly all GM production plants in North America came to an end July 29.

Bob Livingston succeeded Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the House then abruptly resigned after confessing to marital infidelity. Six-term Illinois Congressman Dennis Hastert was chosen to replace him.

Aleksey Antonov/RPG/Sygma

Russian democracy advocate Galina Starovoitova was killed in St. Petersburg. The country's leading liberal legislator appeared to be the victim of a professional assassin. Moscow's political class expressed outrage and despair over the rampant corruption in politics.

Clint Hallam, a 48-year-old New Zealander, was the recipient of the world's first hand transplant. Unfortunately, after the September surgery in Lyons, France, Hallum disappeared and broke all contact with the doctors on the transplant team.

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- Some 9,000 jobs were expected to be lost worldwide with Exxon's purchase of Mobil for $73.7 billion in stock, making it the richest deal ever.
- On February 1, a powerful explosion in the Dearborn, Michigan, Ford Motor plant left one dead and many injured. It was believed that one of the boilers in the powerhouse plant was responsible for the explosion. The plant was Ford's largest concentration of factories.
- A magnitude-6 earthquake hit Armenia, Colombia in January, leaving thousands homeless and killing over 900 people.
- The largest industrial merger in history took place when the world's number six car company, Chrysler, joined with number 15 Daimler-Benz to create the fifth largest car company in the world.
- Former three-pack-a-day smoker Patricia Henley was awarded $50 million in punitive damages after suing Phillip Morris. The 52-year-old was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer last year and blamed the tobacco company for getting her addicted to cigarettes at a young age and misleading her about the dangers of smoking.

Trends & Technology

Americans were "ready to rumble" this year with the popularity of professional wrestling on the rise. There was much debate between wrestlers from the old school who fight to prove they are the best and newcomers who believe in more intense entertainment.

Paul Fenton/Shooting Star

A talking chihuahua proved to be a great marketing tool for Taco Bell. His catch phrase, "Yo quiero Taco Bell" (meaning "I want some Taco Bell,") saucy voice, and swaggering strut made him an especially hot dog!

Volkswagon introduced its new "Beetle" in March of '98 and by January of '99 had sold 100,000 cars. The car also won awards as North American Car of the Year, JD Powers and Associates Most Appealing Small Car, and Consumer Digest's Best Buy.

Bill Holz/Shooting Star

March 9, 1999, marked Barbie's 40th birthday. The number one teenage fashion model was honored by Mattel with the introduction of Crystal Jubilee Barbie and the Gala Edition 40th Anniversary Barbie.

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Fashion designers looked to the past to create the newest trends in clothing. Calf-length skirts and capri pants, elbow length shirts, carpenter pants, spaghetti strap dresses and tops, and clunky shoes were seen everywhere. Long, straight hair and the bob began to come back. Adidas, GAP, Old Navy, and Abercrombie & Fitch were some popular name brands with teens.

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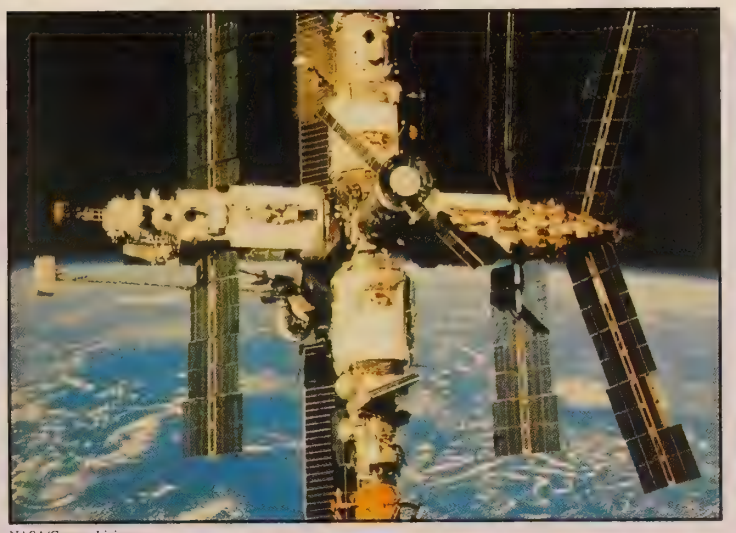
The "must have" toy for Christmas this year was the Furby, a small, furry bundle that speaks. The furby's vocabulary increased over time, and it interacted by sneezing, giggling, or speaking.

The controversial Russian Mir space station made headlines as it conducted experiments with mirrors in space. Scientists were attempting to bring light to northern countries such as Russia and Canada during the dark winter months.



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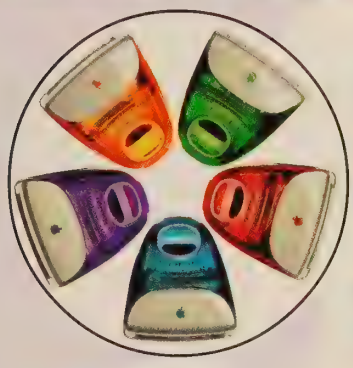

Courtesy of Apple Computer, Inc.

Apple introduced its iMac computer, translucent with a round mouse. The fast, inexpensive computer hit stores in August with a 233-MHz G3 chip, a 24X CD-ROM drive, and a 15-inch monitor.

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Henna tattoos were a hot trend, giving people the opportunity to decorate their bodies without the permanance of regular tatoos. They could even be done at home with a kit.

What were the trends & technology stories in your area?

The country began to jump, jive, and wail as swing dancing returned. The music and dance has an upbeat sound and movement not seen since the 1940s.

Another big hit for children this year were Teletubbies, brightly colored characters with televisions in their tummies. The foursome originated in England and enchanted children everywhere.

Ragdoll Productions/Shooting Star

Game Boy got better with Game Boy Color. They came in solid or transparent purple, and the screen display was color. Pre-existing games could be played in color also.

1998 Trends:

- Volkswagon Beetle
- Henna tattoos
- Swing dancing
- Furbys
- Teletubbies
- Cargo pants
- Professional wresting
- iMac computer
- Flat television screens
- Palm Pilots

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- Palm Pilots were popular with consumers. The newest version, the Palm Pilot V, made the already convenient item even better. It had an anodized aluminum case and an advanced LCD screen with lithium-ion batteries that could be recharged in minutes.
- Saturn introduced the world's first three-door coupe. The third door did not raise the cost of the car, making it even more attractive.
- Emily Rosa, 11, of Colorado made news when she published a paper in the Journal of the American Medical Association that presented the results of her two-year study on therapeutic touch.
- Philips introduced the 42" Flat Plasma Television. The 4.5" wide set was formatted to be hung on the wall and had a 160°viewing angle. An expected one million units are to be made by the year 2000.
- Writeable CDs became more mainstream, allowing computer users to save large amounts of data, up to 640 megabytes.
- Lymerix, a vaccine developed by SmithKline Beecham, was found to prevent Lyme disease. The disease was expected to reach a record high this year as a result of El Niño's warmer temperatures and extra moisture.

Sports

Olympic triple gold medalist and track superstar Florence Griffith Joyner, 38, died from a cardiac condition. Her track records have remained unbroken.

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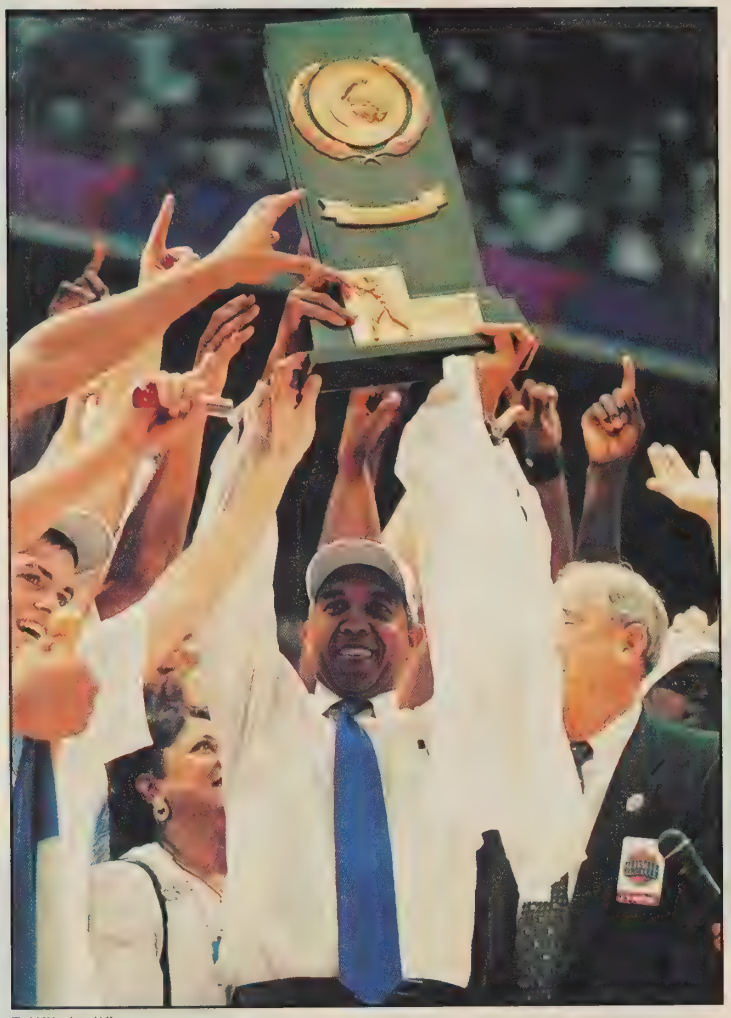
The University of Kentucky won its second national basketball championship in three years with new coach Tubby Smith.



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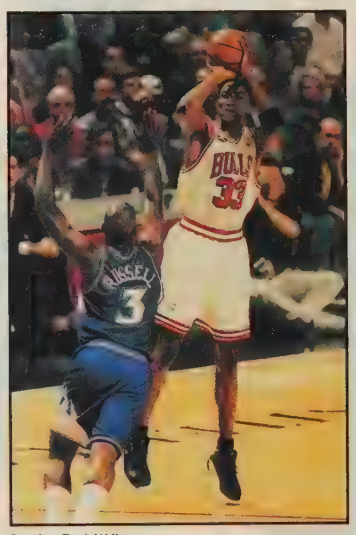
- France upset Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup.
- Garth Brooks attended the San Diego Padres spring training in hopes of playing pro baseball.
- After playing in 154 consecutive majors, Jack Nicklaus announced that he would retire in the year 2000.
- Lee Janzen won the U.S. Open golf title for the second time.
- The NBA found itself in a lock out that lasted through the new year and prevented players from representing their country at the World Championship.
- Joe DiMaggio died at 84. His 56-game hitting record still stands.

Scottie Pippen and the Chicago Bulls won their sixth NBA championship in eight years. Micheal Jordan's last shot in the NBA beat the Utah Jazz in the last seconds of the game.



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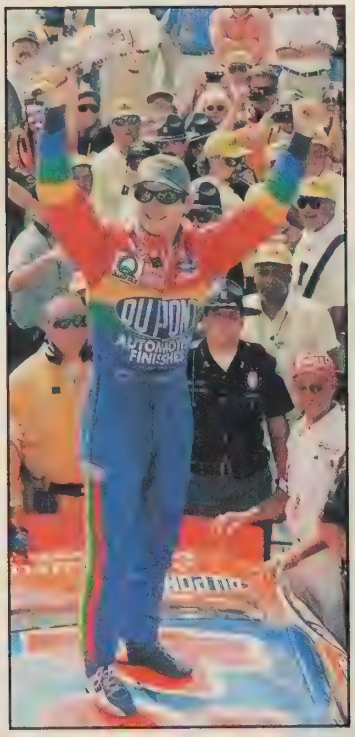

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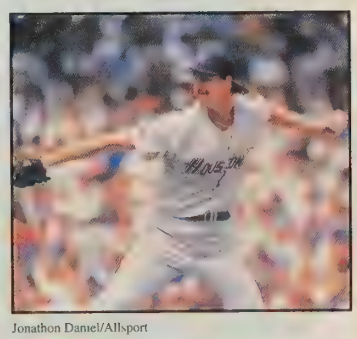
Jeff Gordon began 1999 in the best way possible by winning the Daytona 500. It was Gordon's second Daytona 500 win in three years.



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Randy Johnson was not affected by his mid-season trade to the Houston Astros. He won 10 of 11 starts and posted an ERA of 1.28.

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Tennessee had a 13-0 year which led them to the Fiesta Bowl. They beat Florida State 23-16 for the national championship.

The New York Yankees pulled off a winning year with a great roster of veteran pitchers and hitters. The strong team led the Yankees to the earliest playoff spot in history and a World Series sweep of the Padres.

Vincent Laforet/Allsport

Mark O'Meara was the PGA player of the year after winning the Masters and the British Open. He had the distinction of being the oldest player in PGA history to win two majors in one year.

Harry How/Allsport

Al Bello/Allsport

Race horse Real Quiet had hopes of a Triple Crown after winning both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. Those hopes faded as Victory Gallop won the Belmont Stakes run on June 6.

Female boxing gained popularity. Women brought a freshness to the sport which may soon become a part of mainstream boxing.

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Cynthia Cooper, the guard for the Houston Comets, led her team to a second consecutive WNBA title and won her second MVP award while averaging 27 points per game.

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- Larry Bird won the NBA Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- Former heavyweight fighter Mike Tyson made headlines when he sued Don King for $100 million, and when he lost his temper in the hearing to regain his boxing license.
- Ken Griffey, Jr. hit 19 home runs over three rounds of the All-Star home run hitting contest.
- The San Antonio Spurs enjoyed their title as the greatest turnaround in NBA history. The Spurs won 56 games this year.
- NBA star Dennis Rodman married MTV host Carmen Electra in a spur-of-the-moment wedding.
- After 25 years with the University of Nebraska, football coach Tom Osborne retired.

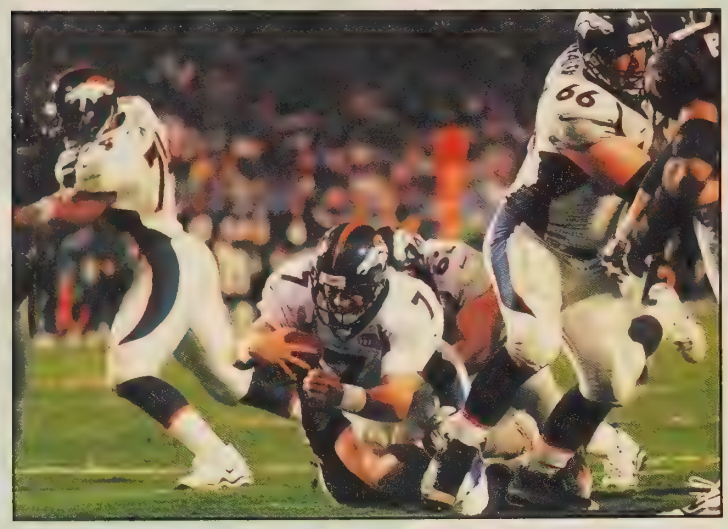
Jonathon Daniel/Allsport

After a 14-year basketball career, superstar Michael Jordon retired in January. Considered by many to be the greatest basketball player in history, he won five MVP awards and six NBA Championships with the Chicago Bulls.

Robin Bowman/Sygma

Chinese gymnast Sang Lan was paralyzed while warming up for the Goodwill Games in New York. Her Olympic dreams were shattered, but she found comfort with the family that cared for her until her own could arrive.

John Elway led the Denver Broncos to a second consecutive Super Bowl victory. The Broncos defeated the Atlanta Falcons 34-19. Quarterback Elway was unsure if he would return for another season to try to win a record-setting third consecutive Super Bowl.



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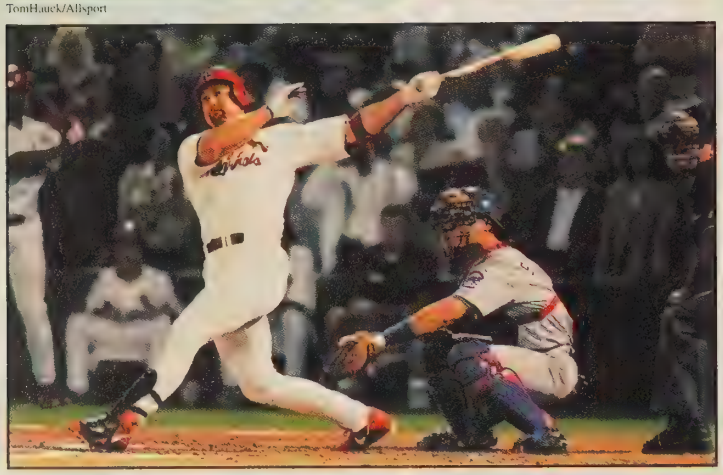

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Detroit beat Washington 4-0 in the Stanley Cup Finals, winning their second consecutive title. The Red Wings were honored when 1.2 million fans celebrated in downtown Detroit.

The St. Louis Cardinal's Mark McGwire beat Roger Maris' record of 61 homeruns in a single season. McGwire ended the season with 70 homeruns.

20-year-old Se Ri Pak from Korea won the U.S. Women's Open in Wisconsin. This was one of two major wins, and she set an LPGA tournament record.

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The Williams sisters, Venus and Serena (left to right), breathed new life into tennis with their strong personalities and big-hitting games. Venus stayed in the top ten list of players and sister Serena remained in the upper teens.

Top 10 performers in 1998:

- Mark McGwire
- Sammy Sosa
- Lisa Leslie
- Jeff Gordon
- John Elway
- Cynthia Cooper
- Se Ri Pak
- Venus Williams
- Mark O'Meara
- Michael Jordan

Who were your favorite sports personalities?

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Sammy Sosa was close behind Mark McGwire and also broke Roger Maris' single-season homerun record. Sosa ended the season with 66 homers.

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